A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FORMER COLUMBUS STATE FARMER'S MARKET PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 10TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901.

WHEREAS, the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 was conveyed by the State of Georgia to the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government ("Columbus") on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the property included a restrictive covenant that the property could only be used for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia interprets recreational use to be violative of the restrictive covenant; and

WHEREAS, for the property to be used for recreational use, the property must be conveyed back to the State of Georgia and subsequently leased back to Columbus for recreational use; and

WEHREAS, the State of Georgia has indicated that is willing to enter into a lease of up to 30 years for a rental fee of \$1,740.00 per year for the proposed recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Futbol Club, Inc. has proposed to construct, at its own expense, soccer fields at this location with necessary amenities to be used for its league play and practice and for appropriate public use and to enter into a sublease or management agreement with the CCG covering all expenses incurred as a result of the lease with the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has requested that Columbus cover transactional costs including surveys, title work, and attorney's fees not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney shall negotiate such agreement with the State of Georgia for the property to be conveyed to the state and leased back to Columbus for recreational use as well as a sublease or management agreement with Columbus Futbol Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of approving the deed acceptance and leaseback described above, the Georgia State Properties Commission requests a resolution of support for recreational use of the property from Columbus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Columbus Council hereby expresses support for deed to the State of Georgia and lease back to Columbus of the property serving as the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 for the recreational use described above and hereby approves expenditures for transaction costs not to exceed \$10,000.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the C	Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the	day
of2025 and adopted at said m	neeting by the affirmative vote of	members of
said Council.		
Councilor Allen voting Councilor Anker voting Councilor Chambers voting Councilor Cogle voting Councilor Crabb voting Councilor Davis voting Councilor Garrett voting	··	
Councilor Hickey voting	·	
Councilor Huff voting Councilor Tucker voting	·	
Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council	B.H. "Skip" Henderso	n III Mayor
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1. Approval of minutes for the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting and Executive Session.				

File Attachments for Item:

COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Council Chambers
C. E. "Red" McDaniel City Services Center- Second Floor
3111 Citizens Way, Columbus, GA 31906

May 13, 2025 9:00 AM Regular Meeting

MAYOR'S AGENDA

PRESENT: Mayor B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III and Mayor Pro Tem R. Gary Allen and Councilors John Anker, Travis L. Chambers, Joanne Cogle (arrived at 9:01 a.m.), Charmaine Crabb (arrived at 9:10 a.m.), Glenn Davis, R. Walker Garrett, Byron Hickey and Toyia Tucker. City Manager Isaiah Hugley, City Attorney Clifton Fay, Clerk of Council Lindsey G. McLemore (arrived at 9:45 a.m.) and Deputy Clerk of Council Tameka Colbert.

ABSENT: Councilor Bruce Huff was absent.

<u>The following documents have been included as a part of the electronic Agenda Packet:</u> (1) Columbus Police Department – Sworn Personnel Staffing Update; (2) Engineering Department – Countywide Map of Flood Zones (3) Columbus Water Works – Understanding the Combined Sewer Treatment System

<u>The following documents were distributed around the Council table:</u> (1) MA#5: City of Columbus Police Department 2024 Annual Report (2) MA#7: Transitional Audit of the Solicitor General's Office May 13, 2025 (3) MA#7 Internal Audit of the Office of Solicitor General (4) CM Add-On: Agenda Report Street Acceptance - Section Twenty, Garrett Pines

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Presiding

INVOCATION: Offered by Chaplain Emilio Rosa – Love in Action Outreach

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Mayor Skip Henderson

MINUTES

1. Approval of minutes for April 29, 2025, Consent Agenda/Work Session. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Crabb being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

PROCLAMATIONS:

2. **Proclamation:** Salvation Army of Columbus, Georgia Week

Receiving: Director Andre Pereira and Development & Communications Manager Drew Hunt

<u>Councilor John Anker</u> read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the week of May 12-16, 2025, as *Salvation Army of Columbus, Georgia Week* recognizing the Salvation Army for providing vital service to those in need in the community and helping to break the cycle of generational poverty.

3. **Proclamation:** Mental Health Awareness Month

Receiving: Chloe Landreth

<u>Councilor Byron Hickey</u> read the proclamation into the record proclaiming the month of May 2025, as *Mental Health Awareness Month*, recognizing New Horizons Behavioral Health for providing affordable and effective mental health rehabilitation services and specialty programs for individuals with mental illness.

PRESENTATIONS

4. STEAM Project Update – Presented by Katrina Long, Principal, Reese Road Leadership Academy

<u>Students of Reese Road Leadership Academy</u> approached the rostrum to provide an update on Reese Road Leadership Academy's school wide project-based learning initiative. Each student provided a brief overview of the projects they completed. They also offered suggestions for potential improvements to Cooper Creek Park.

Katina Long, Principal of Reese Road Leadership Academy, approached the rostrum and expressed her pride in the students and thanked the City of Columbus for their partnership. She stated the project has been a tremendous success and emphasized how students are gaining a better understanding of community partnership through this initiative.

ADD-ON PRESENTATION:

River Surfing Project Update - Presented by John Turner

<u>Mr. John Turner</u> approached the rostrum to provide an update on the progress of the river surfing project. He stated that the project is in the early stages, and while it appears feasible, further research is necessary before moving forward. He noted the sport's increasing popularity and significant market potential.

Mr. Turner requested that the city consider providing funding in the FY26 budget to continue engineering and permit studies. He referenced multiple successful events held at the riverwalk and announced that Columbus has been selected to host the 2028 World Kayaking Championship.

Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Development Authority, emphasized the project's potential to attract international visitors and highlighted the sport's uniqueness.

ADD-ON PRESENTATION:

Development of South Commons Update - Presented by Selvin Hollingsworth, Development Authority of Columbus

Mr. Selvin Hollingsworth, Chairman of the Development Authority announced the recent appointment of Missy Kendricks as President and CEO of the Development Authority. He expressed enthusiasm to have her on board

He said the Development Authority is excited about the commitment to conducting studies to support development in the South Commons area. He clarified that issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) is a later phase and research must be done prior to moving forward. He expressed his commitment to developing a good plan and bringing it back before the Council.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Allen requested that item #2 on the City Manager's Agenda be brought forward as the next order of business.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA

2. South Commons Redevelopment

Resolution (138-25): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia hereby authorizing the City Manager or his designee to request the Development Authority of Columbus, Georgia to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of the open space at South Commons. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Garrett and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

MAYOR'S AGENDA (Continued)

5. Police Retention Update – Presented by Roderick Graham, Deputy Chief

<u>Chief Mathis</u> provided an overview of the Police Department's crime prevention initiatives for the purpose of eliminating crime in Columbus, Georgia. He highlighted efforts over the past two years in recruitment, retention, and crime reduction. He also shared statistics reflecting decreases in crime and murder rates.

<u>Deputy Chief Roderick Graham</u> approached the rostrum and provided a presentation highlighting current staffing in the Columbus Police Department, the cost to train public safety employees and talent management program. He outlined suggestions to retain officers and attract new police officers.

REFERRAL(S):

FOR THE MAYOR:

- Could we look at addressing the drop plan just for Public Safety. (Request of Councilor Tucker)
- -Would like to revisit Ordinance No. 15-35 and the 171 Rule. (Request of Councilor Cogle)
- 6. Audit Committee Update Presented by John Redmond, Committee Chair & Michael Bruder, Committee Member

<u>Mr. John Redmond</u> reported on efforts to increase audit planning efficiency. He proposed creating a model for audit risk assessments and requested \$75,000 in funding to support this initiative.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to amend the current budget to add up to \$650,000 for a performance, operational and risk assessment, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. Transitional Audit of the Office of the Solicitor General – Presented by Donna McGinnis, Internal Auditor/Compliance Officer, Jonathan Smith, Benjamin Meadow & Grant Conaway, Forensic Auditors

<u>Internal Auditor Donna McGinnis</u> approached the rostrum and stated that an audit was authorized by City Council on January 7, 2025, at the request of the newly elected Solicitor General.

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<u>Forensic Auditor Grant Conaway</u> approached the rostrum to provide information regarding the audit. He reported that the audit included a review of three pay periods, with no discrepancies found. Budget management was consistent, though areas for improvement were identified, including workspace limitations, lack of advancement opportunities, and the need for updated software.

<u>Forensic Auditor Jonathan Smith</u> approached the rostrum and followed with recommendations for improvements for the Solicitor General's Office including securing additional office space, additional staff, and developing a pre-trial diversion program, funding for continuing education and reevaluation of software.

CITY ATTORNEY'S AGENDA

ORDINANCES

1. **1st Reading-** An Ordinance amending Sections 3-1 (mm) and 3-12(e) of the Columbus Code pertaining to the various regulations pertaining to on-premises alcohol consumption; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Garrett)

(NOTE: The floor was declared open for public comment. No public comment and no questions from Council.)

RESOLUTIONS

2. Resolution (139-25): A resolution approving a Special Exception to allow for a Club or Lodge, Not for Profit located at 6655 Lynch Road located in the Residential Estate – 1 (RE1) zoning district. (Planning Department and PAC recommend approval.) (Mayor Pro-Tem) Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

PUBLIC AGENDA

- 1. Ms. Ashlee Williams, Re: Leadership Concerns.
- 2. Mr. Russell Pickron, Re: Transparency in our Government. Not Present
- 3. Dr. (Rev.) Johnny Flakes, III, Re: Contradictions
- 4. Mr. George Shoultz, Re: Ethics of Council. Not Present
- 5. Mr. Mark Lawrence, Re: Caring for Others.
- 6. Mr. Gary Johnson, representing Home Hardware, Inc., Re: Spiderweb. Not Present
- 7. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Property located at 2928 10th Street.

CITY MANAGER'S AGENDA (Continued)

ADD-ON RESOLUTION

Resolution (140-25): A resolution of the council of Columbus, Georgia, authorizing the acceptance of a deed to that of Pine Tar Drive and that portion of Pine Chase Drive located in section twenty, Garrett Pines, on behalf of

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Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025 Columbus, Georgia. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

1. Three Transportation Planning Studies

Resolution (141-25): A resolution to enter into contractual agreements with the Georgia Department of Transportation to accept Federal/State Transportation Planning Funds for three transportation planning studies: 1) School Traffic Impact Study, 2) Edgewood Road Study, and 3) Master Plan for Trails/Sidewalks, and to amend the Multi-governmental Fund by the amount of the award, which includes a 20% local cash match. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

3. 1242 Broadway - Balcony Encroachment

Resolution (142-25): A resolution authorizing a permanent encroachment of a balcony five feet into the public right-of-way at 1242 Broadway; said encroachment is approved with the condition that should the balcony ever become a conflict with any future public improvement, the balcony shall be removed at no cost to the City. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Tucker being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

4. Sidewalk and Maintenance Easement Acceptance

Resolution (143-25): A resolution authorizing the acceptance of a 5 ft. sidewalk and maintenance easement at 3340 Buena Vista Road, right of way, on behalf of Columbus, Georgia. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. Lakebottom Public Art

Resolution (144-25): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the "City") and Peach Little League ("PLL") for a public arts project and approve the design of the mural located at Lakebottom Park. Councilor Crabb made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

6. Public Art- Frank D. Chester Rec Center Hitting Wall

Resolution (145-25): A resolution of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, requesting approval to execute a memorandum of understanding between the Columbus Consolidated Government (the "City") and Regional Prosperity Initiative, Inc., a/k/a Columbus 2025 ("RPI") for a public arts project and approve the final design of the mural. Councilor Hickey made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

7. FY25 Local Road Assistance (LRA)

Resolution (146-25): A resolution to make application and receive the FY 2025 Local Road Assistance (LRA) grant from the Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

8. Georgia Cities Foundation Youth Placemaking Grant

Resolution (147-25): A resolution authorizing the application for and, if approved, acceptance of a grant on behalf of the Youth Advisory Council through the Georgia Cities Foundation, GeorgiaForward Grant. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

9. PURCHASES

A. Amendment 20 for Construction Manager as General Contractor Services for Columbus Government Center Complex - RFQ No. 20-0002

Resolution (148-25): A resolution authorizing the execution of Amendment 20 in the amount of \$350,000.00 with Gilbane Building Company (Atlanta, GA), in association with Freeman & Associates, Inc., for construction manager as general contractor services for the Government Center Complex. The City Manager is also authorized to execute future amendments with Gilbane Building Company not to exceed the bond proceeds. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. Maintenance Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies, Parts, Equipment and Materials – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Contract

Resolution (149-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of maintenance repair and operation (MRO) supplies, parts, equipment and materials from Grainger Industrial Supply, via OMNIA Partners contract #240078-01. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. Contract Extension for Banking & Smart Card Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No 19-0002

Resolution (150-25): A resolution authorizing the extension of the annual contract with Synovus Bank (Columbus, Ga) for financial services: option 1 - banking services and option 2- smart card services, through September 30, 2025, to allow time to advertise a new RFP. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

D. Breathing Apparatus for the Fire and EMS Department (Annual Contract) – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (151-25): A resolution authorizing an annual contract for the purchase of breathing apparatus from MSA Safety Sales, LLC. (Cranberry Township, PA), on an "as needed" basis for the

Columbus Fire and EMS Department, via Sourcewell Contract #011824-mss. Based on prior years usage, the Fire and EMS Department spends approximately \$250,847.00 annually, for breathing apparatus. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

E. Stage Curtains for Columbus Civic Center – RFB No. 25-0008

Resolution (152-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of twenty-three (23) stage curtains for the Columbus Civic Center from Splendid Drapes (Winder, GA) to include (9) nine middle stage curtains at a cost of \$34,965.00, (14) fourteen side curtains at a cost of \$41,090.00, for a total cost of \$75,785.00. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

F. 18 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (153-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 18 Yard Dump Truck from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a total cost of \$170,291.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD-0000155-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

G. 7 Yard Dump Truck for Public Works – Georgia State Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (154-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 7 YD Dump Truck from Rush Truck Center Atlanta, (Atlanta, GA) at a total cost of \$133,227.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD-0000155-0001. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

H. Security Gate for Public Works/Fleet Management – Federal GSA Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (155-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase and installation of a security gate, for Public Works/Fleet Management, from Adapttosolve, Inc./Minuteman Company (Lagrange, GA), in the amount of \$116,607.32. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #GS-07F-0482W. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

 Network Switches and Access Points for the Judicial Center – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (156-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of network switches and access points from CPAK Technology Solutions (Lagrange, GA), in the amount of \$1,255,350.00, for the Judicial Center. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

J. Sound System Upgrade for the Civic Center

Resolution (157-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of the sound system upgrade, for the Civic Center, from Columbus Tape and Video (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$236,449.77. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

K. Replacement Rubber Flooring and Flooring Base for the Civic Center – Annual Contract Purchase

Resolution (158-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase replacement rubber flooring and flooring base for the Civic Center from Huckaby Brothers Flooring (Phenix City, AL), in the total amount of \$14,307.50, for the event hallway. Council approval is requested for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

L. Replacement Glass Doors for the Civic Center – The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS) Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (159-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of replacement glass doors for the Civic Center, from Binswanger Glass (Memphis, TN), in the amount of \$212,635.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS), Contract #220604. Council approval is requested for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

M. Crowd Control Barriers for the Civic Center – OMNIA Partners Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (160-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of crowd control barricades, for the Civic Center, from Quill, LLC (Licolnshire, IL), in the amount of \$ 13,499.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Omnia Partners Contract # R190304. Council approval is requested for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

N. Golf Cart for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (161-25): A resolution authorizing one (1) 2025 E-Z Go Express 6 golf cart, for the Civic Center, from Diamond Golf Cars (Birmingham, AL), in the amount of \$13,445.60. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #122220-JCS/091024-JCS. Council approval is requested for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

O. Haulers for the Civic Center – Sourcewell Cooperative Purchase

Resolution (162-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of three (3) 2025 Cushman Haulers, for the Civic Center, from Diamond Golf Cars (Birmingham, AL), in the total amount of \$33,859.50. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #122220-JCS/091024-JCS. Council approval is requested for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

P. One 11 Yard Viper Rear Load Refuse Truck for Public Works Department – Sourcewell Cooperative Contract

Resolution (163-25): A resolution authorizing the purchase of one (1) 11-Yard Viper Rear Load Refuse Truck from Sansom Equipment Company, (Scranton, IA) in the amount of \$204,473.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Sourcewell Contract #110223-NWY. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to approve the resolution, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

10. <u>UPDATES AND PRESENTATIONS</u>

A. FY25 Budget Update – Danielle Forté, Clerk of Superior Court

<u>Finance Director Angelica Alexander</u> advised that Clerk of Superior Court Danielle Forté is appearing before Council pursuant to Ordinance 13-39, as they are expected to exceed their FY25 Budget. The request is for an additional appropriation of \$21,300 to cover an increase in hearings.

In response to a question from Councilor Anker, <u>Lauri Smithson</u>, <u>Director of the Board of Equalization</u> clarified that the Board of Equalization does not control the volume of appeals received annually. She made mention of an increase in appeals over recent years.

Councilor Tucker made a motion to approve the request for additional appropriation in the FY25 Budget for Superior Court in the amount of \$21,300, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the eight members present, with Councilor Hickey being absent for the vote, and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

B. Combined Sewer Overflow Update. - Vance Beck, Director, Engineering No Action Taken

<u>Engineering Director Vance Beck</u> approached the rostrum to address concerns regarding the role of Water Works facilities in flood management. He clarified that the facilities are not designed for flood control, but instead treat water before it is discharged into the river.

BID ADVERTISEMENT

DATE: May 13, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

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1. <u>Hot Asphalt, Micro Surfacing & General Road Repair Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No.</u> 25-0004

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government is seeking proposals from qualified vendors to provide hot asphalt, micro surfacing, and/or general road repair services to include removing old asphalt, resurfacing roads, asphalt patching, concrete patching, milling existing asphalt paving, etc. on an "as needed" basis to the Columbus Consolidated Government (the City).

The contract term shall be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelvemonth periods.

June 6, 2025

1. Grant Writing Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0020

Scope of RFP

Columbus Consolidated Government (the City) is seeking qualified, experienced individuals, groups, or firms to provide Grant Writing Services. The Successful Proposer will secure grant funding through the preparation and submittal of grant proposals to federal, state agencies, and any other applicable entities.

The contract term shall be for three (3) years, with the option to renew for two (2) additional twelvemonth periods.

CLERK OF COUNCIL'S AGENDA

ENCLOSURES - INFORMATION ONLY

1. Memo from Clerk of Council - Public Agenda Application

<u>Clerk of Council McLemore</u> advised there have been concerns regarding the updated public agenda application. She addressed the recent confusion regarding the guideline that addresses meeting decorum. She explained that while the guideline was available on the physical application located in the Clerk of Council's lobby, it was inadvertently left off the online application and was added to be consistent. She apologized for the impression it made and that it was added to be consistent. She stated the guideline would be removed from the application and the revision date listed as May 13, 2025.

2. Resolution approved by the Board of Health, adopting the Rules and Regulations of the State of Georgia Administrative Code in Title 511 – Georgia Department of Public Health.

ENCLOSURES - ACTION REQUESTED

- 3. Email correspondence from Director Lisa Thomas-Cutts, requesting the seat of David Houser be declared vacant on the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to declare the seat vacant, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
- 4. Email correspondence from Charlotte Ingram, resigning from her seat as the District 1 Representative on the Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC). Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the resignation, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

5. Minutes of the following boards:

Board of Tax Assessors, #14-25, #15-25

Board of Zoning Appeals, 03.05.25

Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Authority, 03.27.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, 03.25.25

Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to receive the minutes of various boards, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS - ACTION REQUESTED

6. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. <u>COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:</u>

A nominee for a new seat as a Certified Public Accountant, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Mayor's Appointment). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Corporate/Employment Attorney, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Mayor's Appointment). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a Law Enforcement Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Mayor's Appointment). There were none.

7. COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:

- **A. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Allen Taber was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
- **B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Brad Coppedge was nominated to serve another term. *(Councilor Crabb's nominee)* Term expires: August 15, 2027. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.
- C. <u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</u> Karl Douglass was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2025. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Allen and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

8. <u>APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:</u>

A. <u>COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:</u>

A nominee for a new seat as Deputy City Manager, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Council confirms the appointment). Clerk of Council McLemore stated City Manager

Council Meeting Minutes May 13, 2025 Hugley has nominated Deputy City Manager Lisa Goodwin. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a new seat as Parks & Rec. Director or Designee, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Council confirms the appointment). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Director Holli Browder will be serving. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Chambers and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a new seat as, Inspections & Code Director or Designee on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (Council confirms the appointment). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Director Ryan Pruett will be serving. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a new seat as IT Director or Designee, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Director Forrest Toelle will be serving. Councilor Crabb made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Hickey and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for a new seat as a Trade Center Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for a new seat as a River Center Representative, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. (*Council confirms the appointment*). There were none.

B. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Ardria McGruder (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Ardia McGruder has been selected by the General Government Employees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

A nominee for the seat of Rachel S. Banks (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Clerk of Council McLemore stated Rachel S. Banks has been selected by the Public Safety Employees. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion for confirmation, seconded by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

C. <u>HISTORIC & ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD:</u>

A nominee for the seat of Tyler Pritchard for the term expiring on January 31, 2025, on the Historic & Architectural Review Board (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Karl Douglass to serve another term. Clerk of Council McLemore stated Councilor Cogle is nominating John Sheftall on behalf of the Historic Columbus Foundation to succeed Tyler Pritchard on the Historic & Architectural Review Board. Councilor Tucker made a motion for confirmation, seconded

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by Councilor Crabb and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting.

9. <u>COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</u>

A. <u>COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:</u>

A nominee for a new seat as a Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey, on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority. *(Council's Appointment)*. Councilor Cogle nominated Jeff Croop to serve as the Promotional Entity – Professional Hockey Representative on the Columbus Sports & Entertainment Authority.

B. <u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</u>

A nominee for the seat of Billy Blanchard (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Billy Blanchard to serve another term on the Downtown Development Authority.

A nominee for the seat of Stephen Butler (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). Councilor Crabb renominated Stephen Butler to serve another term on the Downtown Development Authority.

A nominee for a vacant seat for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

A nominee for the seat of Ernest Smallman, IV (<u>Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on the Board of Zoning Appeals</u>) for the term expiring on August 15, 2023, on the Downtown Development Authority (*Council's Appointment*). There were none.

C. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

A nominee for the seat of Shannon Hubbard (*Eligible to succeed*) for the term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen renominated Shannon Hubbard to serve another term on the Employee Benefits Committee.

A nominee for the seat of Troy Vanerson (<u>Not Eligible to succeed</u>) for the term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Tommy Beauchamp to succeed Troy Vanerson on the Employee Benefits Committee.

A nominee for the seat of Timothy Smith (<u>Not Eligible to succeed</u>) for the term expiring on April 30, 2025, on the Employee Benefits Committee (*Council's Appointment*). Mayor Pro Tem Allen nominated Jules Hazen to succeed Timothy Smith on the Employee Benefits Committee.

PUBLIC AGENDA (continued):

7. Mrs. Audrey Holston-Palmore, Re: Property located at 2928 10th Street.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Mayor Henderson entertained a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, potential litigation, and acquisition and disposal of real estate as requested by City Attorney Fay earlier in the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Allen made a motion to go into Executive Session, seconded by Councilor Tucker and carried unanimously by the five members present, with Councilors Anker, Crabb, Chambers and Hickey being absent for the vote and Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, with the time being 12:18 p.m.

The Regular Meeting reconvened at 2:03 p.m., at which time, Mayor Henderson announced that the Council did meet in Executive Session to discuss personnel, potential litigation, and acquisition and disposal of real estate; however, there were no votes taken.

With there being no further business to discuss, Mayor Henderson entertained a motion for adjournment. Motion by Councilor Garrett to adjourn the May 13, 2025, Regular Council Meeting, seconded by Councilor Cogle and carried unanimously by the nine members present, with Councilor Huff being absent from the meeting, and the time being 2:04 p.m.

Lindsey G. McLemore Clerk of Council Council of Columbus, Georgia

File Attachments for Item:

1. 2nd Reading- An Ordinance amending Sections 3-1 (mm) and 3-12(e) of the Columbus Code pertaining to the various regulations pertaining to on-premises alcohol consumption; and for other purposes. (Councilor Chambers, Mayor Pro-Tem and Councilor Garrett)

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance amending Sections 3-1 (mm) and 3-12(e) of the Columbus Code pertaining to the various regulations pertaining to on-premises alcohol consumption; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Section 3-1 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing paragraph (m)(m) and replacing it with a new paragraph (mm) which shall read as follows:

"Sec. 3-1. Definitions

(mm) Food hall means a location holding a license which allows wine, malt beverage, and or mixed drink sales for consumption on the premises at a location which has as its primary purpose the provision of a common area for the consumption of foods prepared by multiple food vendors on the premises. Food hall licenses shall be subject to the following conditions:

- (1) A food hall shall be an enclosed premises consisting of at least 10,000 and no more than 25,000 square feet including indoor and outdoor seating areas.
- (2) A food hall shall have at least two licensees with stalls dispensing prepared food and common areas which provide seating for at least 100 customers at tables to consume the food.
- (3) The owner or manager of the food hall shall obtain a food hall license for the entire premises, and may designate not more than one, wine and/or malt beverage concessionaire who shall apply for an on-premises wine, malt beverage and/ or liquor license which shall allow the onpremises sale of wine and malt-beverages and mixed drinks so long as 50 percent or more of the gross sales for all food hall licensees and the wine and/or malt beverage concessionaire is attributable to the sale off food.
- (4) Any outside seating areas shall be fenced off in accordance with Columbus Code Section 3-12(I) and any exit from the outside seating area will be marked with a sign indicating that alcoholic beverages will not be allowed past that point. Provisions of Columbus Code Section 3-12(I) requiring access only through the primary building of the licensed premises shall not apply to a food hall.
- (5) Wine, malt beverages, and mixed drinks may only be sold in the food hall during hours when food licensees are open for business. Sunday hours for on-premises wine and malt beverage sales will not exceed those set for eating establishments in Columbus Code Section 3-13. All other time restrictions pertaining to the hours of operation for on-premises establishments set forth in Columbus Code Section 3-12(f) will also be enforced.
- (6) Nothing herein shall prevent the licensed beer and/or wine concessionaire from also obtaining an off-premise license for the sale of wine and/or beer at the same location provided that the requirements of an off-premises license are met."

SECTION 2.

Section 3-1 of the Columbus Code is hereby amended by striking the existing paragraph (e) and replacing it with a new paragraph (e) which shall read as follows:

	sale of liquors by the bottle or package except at a city owned facility, but be sold by the bottle for on-premises consumption. "
	SECTION 3.
All ordinances repealed.	and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby
day of May 2025; and introduc	meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 13th ced on second reading at a regular meeting of said Council held 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of
Councilor Allen	voting
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Councilor Cogle Councilor Crabb	voting
Councilor Davis	voting
Councilor Garrett	voting voting
Councilor Hickey	voting voting
Councilor Huff	voting voting
Councilor Tucker	voting
Lindsey G. McLemore Clerk of Council	B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III Mayor

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- (6) Nothing herein shall prevent the licensed beer and/or wine concessionaire from also obtaining an off-premise license for the sale of wine and/or beer at the same location provided that the requirements of an off-premises license are met.

Sec. 3-12. Regulations for the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises— Generally.

- (a) Reserved.
- (b) The sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption by persons in any back room or side room which is not open to general public use is prohibited, except that private parties or conventions which have been scheduled in advance may be served in public or private dining rooms or meeting rooms, and provided further that this prohibition shall not apply to private clubs or senior living facilities as defined hereunder nor to the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption hereunder to the registered guests of any hotel or motel or residents of the senior living facilities in their designated rooms or apartments. Provided further, that a resident of a senior living facility as defined under section 3-1(nn) may transport alcoholic beverages from such residence to any part of such facility where alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed.

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- (c) It shall be unlawful for any person except a wholesaler to carry into premises licensed for mixed drinks or to have in his possession on any premises licensed for mixed drinks any alcoholic beverage in the original package, the seal of which has been broken or the original package opened; provided, however, the trade and convention center, and civic center may grant exceptions to the provisions hereof where such grant of exception is made in writing.
- (d) Reserved.
- (e) Licensees shall not permit the sale of liquors by the bottle or package <u>except at a city owned facility</u>, but wines or malt beverages may be sold by the bottle for on-premises consumption.
- (f) Licensees are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages for a period of three hours immediately following 11:55 p.m. on Saturdays; on Tuesday through Saturday licensees shall not sell and businesses shall not allow alcoholic beverages to be brought or consumed on the premises between the hours of 2:55 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., and on Mondays licensees shall not allow alcoholic beverages to be sold or brought on the premises between 12 midnight and 6:00 a.m.; but whenever New Year's Day does not fall on Sunday licensees are allowed to sell alcoholic beverages until 4:00 a.m. on New Year's Day; no customer shall be permitted to remain on the premises for more than 20 minutes after the close of sales. Nothing in this subsection shall preclude the operation of a bowling center during the prohibited hours so long as alcoholic beverages shall not be sold or consumed during the prohibited hours.
- (g) It shall be illegal for licensees to add to the contents of a bottle or to refill empty bottles or in any other manner to misrepresent the quantity, quality or brand name of any alcoholic beverage.
- (h) All licensees, except clubs, shall maintain their current prices of mixed drinks and alcoholic beverages, the amount of liquor to be served in each drink, and minimum, admission and cover charges and the same shall be made available at the request of any law enforcement officer.
- (i) All on-premises alcoholic beverage licensees may sell any alcoholic beverage covered by their on-premises license outside of the licensed premises for catering services to conventions, conferences, sales meetings, seminars, banquet groups, cultural events, private parties or other events where the sale of alcoholic beverages is allowed with written permission from the city manager. An additional rental fee of ten percent of the gross receipts received by the caterer shall be paid by the caterer to the Revenue Division of Columbus, Georgia for events held on any public right-of-way.
- (j) No person shall hold a license hereunder who also has any direct financial interest in any wholesale alcoholic beverage business. No financial aid or assistance to any licensee hereunder from any wholesaler or manufacturer of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted.
- (k) The management of on-premises businesses shall maintain a copy of this section on such premises and shall instruct each and every employee of the terms thereof.
- (I) Patios and decks shall be connected to the primary building of the licensed premises. They shall be bordered by a fence or enclosure no less than three feet high with access gained only through the interior area of the primary building. Nothing contained herein shall be read to limit compliance with the fire code.

(Ord. No. 78-117, 10-17-78; Ord. No. 80-106, § 1, 8-26-80; Ord. No. 80-147, § 1, 12-23-80; Ord. No. 81-146, § 2, 12-22-81; Ord. No. 85-80, 7-9-85; Ord. No. 86-39, § 1, 4-22-86; Ord. No. 95-99, §§ 13-20, 10-10-95; Ord. No. 99-92, § 16, 12-14-99; Ord. No. 00-26, §§ 18—20, 3-7-00; Ord. No. 04-1, § 10, 1-6-04; Ord. No. 09-10, § 1, 3-10-09; Ord. No. 11-58, § 1, 11-8-11; Ord. No. 20-038, § 3, 8-11-20; Ord. No. 23-058, § 1, 11-14-23)

File Attachments for Item:

2. 1st Reading- An Ordinance amending Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code to revise the definition of division chief positions in the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services; and for other purposes. (Mayor Pro-Tem)

AN ORDINANCE

NO.

An Ordinance amending Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code to revise the definition of division chief positions in the Columbus Department of Fire and Medical Emergency Services; and for other purposes.

SECTION 1.

Section 11-17.15 of the Columbus Code is amended by striking paragraph (a) of that code section and replacing it with a new Section 11-17.15(a) to read as follows:

"Sec. 11-17.15. Position of division chief.

(a) There are two division chief positions which may be assigned operationally at the discretion of the chief based on the needs of the Department. The position of division chief is an appointed rank. Said appointment shall be made by the chief."

SECTION 2.

	All ordinances or parts of or	rdinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.
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•	2025; introduced a second t	ing of the Council of Columbus, Georgia, held on the 27th day time at a regular meeting held on the day of, 2023 affirmative vote of members of said Council.
	Councilor Allen Councilor Anker Councilor Chambers Councilor Cogle Councilor Crabb Councilor Davis	voting voting voting voting voting voting

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Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council

Councilor Garrett

Councilor Hickey

Councilor Tucker

Councilor Huff

B.H. "Skip" Henderson, III, Mayor

Sec. 11-17.15. - Position of division chief.

- (a) The position of division chief includes the ranks of fire marshal division chief, and EMS coordinator division chief. There are two division chief positions which may be assigned operationally at the discretion of the Chief based on the needs of the Department. The position of division chief is an appointed rank. Said appointment shall be made by the chief.
- (b) Reserved.
- (c) To be eligible for the position of division chief, a candidate must be a permanent rank of fire captain. An associate's degree (or equivalent two-year degree) is required. The candidate must be a credentialed chief fire officer or obtain such credential within three years of appointment.

File Attachments for Item:

3. A Resolution Supporting Recreational Use of the former Columbus State Farmer's Market Property Located at 318 10TH Avenue, Columbus, Georgia 31901. (Councilor Cogle)

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING RECREATIONAL USE OF THE FORMER COLUMBUS STATE FARMER'S MARKET PROPERTY LOCATED AT 318 10TH AVENUE, COLUMBUS, GEORGIA 31901.

WHEREAS, the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 was conveyed by the State of Georgia to the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government ("Columbus") on January 22, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the conveyance of the property included a restrictive covenant that the property could only be used for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia interprets recreational use to be violative of the restrictive covenant; and

WHEREAS, for the property to be used for recreational use, the property must be conveyed back to the State of Georgia and subsequently leased back to Columbus for recreational use; and

WEHREAS, the State of Georgia has indicated that is willing to enter into a lease of up to 30 years for a rental fee of \$1,740.00 per year for the proposed recreational use; and

WHEREAS, the Columbus Futbol Club, Inc. has proposed to construct, at its own expense, soccer fields at this location with necessary amenities to be used for its league play and practice and for appropriate public use and to enter into a sublease or management agreement with the CCG covering all expenses incurred as a result of the lease with the State; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has requested that Columbus cover transactional costs including surveys, title work, and attorney's fees not to exceed \$10,000; and

WHEREAS, the City Attorney shall negotiate such agreement with the State of Georgia for the property to be conveyed to the state and leased back to Columbus for recreational use as well as a sublease or management agreement with Columbus Futbol Club, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of approving the deed acceptance and leaseback described above, the Georgia State Properties Commission requests a resolution of support for recreational use of the property from Columbus.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

That the Columbus Council hereby expresses support for deed to the State of Georgia and lease back to Columbus of the property serving as the former site of the Columbus State Farmer's Market located at 318 10th Ave, Columbus, GA 31901 for the recreational use described above and hereby approves expenditures for transaction costs not to exceed \$10,000.

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of2025 and adopted at said m	eeting by the affirmative vote of	members of
said Council.		
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Councilor Huff voting	·	
Councilor Tucker voting	·	
Lindsey G. McLemore, Clerk of Council	B.H. "Skip" Hendersor	ı III. Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

1. FY26 Inmate Capacity Agreement

Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors		
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY26 Inmate Capacity Agreement		
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.		
INITIATED BY:	Muscogee County Prison		

Recommendation: Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

Background: Historically, the Columbus Consolidated Government and the Georgia Department of Corrections have annually agreed to the minimum number of State inmates assigned to the Muscogee County Prison and further utilized the inmates as supplemental laborers within the Muscogee County Government operations.

<u>Analysis:</u> The annual specification of the minimum number of State inmates assigned to the Muscogee County Prison is beneficial to both budgetary efforts of the Georgia Department of Corrections and the Columbus Consolidated Government in achieving their respective goals.

<u>Financial Considerations</u>: Within the agreement, the Georgia Department of Corrections agrees to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for the duration of the agreement to the Columbus Consolidated Government. These funds are used to offset the annual operating budget of the Muscogee County Prison.

<u>Legal Considerations</u>: The Muscogee County Prison is in compliance with all Standard Operating Procedures and Certifications necessary to execute this Inmate Capacity Agreement.

Recommended/Actions: Approval is requested to enter into an Inmate Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections to pay the sum of \$30.00 per inmate per day for up to and including five-hundred and twenty-eight (528) State inmates to be housed at the Muscogee County Prison.

A RESOLUTION

NO			

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A MAXIMUM OF FIVE HUNDRED AND TWENTY EIGHT (528) STATE INMATES TO BE HOUSED AT THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY PRISON.

WHEREAS, Department desires to contract with County for appropriate care and custody of certain offenders for which Department is responsible, ("State Offenders"); and,

WHEREAS, County desires to provide appropriate care and custody of State Offenders at a correctional institution operated by County ("Services"),

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager is hereby authorized to execute a Capacity Agreement with the Georgia Department of Corrections on behalf of the Columbus Consolidated Government to maintain a continuing, cooperative and comprehensive care and custody agreement for housing up to five hundred and twenty eight State inmates at the Muscogee County Prison in a safe, secure and compliant environment.

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File Attachments for Item:

2. FY26 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Grant for Capital and Planning Assistance - METRA

Approval is requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,527,946, or as otherwise awarded, and to amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and, if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$269,182 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% match, and funding is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund.

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	FY26 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 Grant for Capital and Planning Assistance -METRA
AGENDA SUMMARY:	Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Planning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,527,946, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$269,182 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% match, and funding is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund.
INITIATED BY:	Department of Transportation/METRA

Recommendations: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Plan-ning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,527,946, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Admin-istration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$269,182 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% match, and funding is budg-eted and available in the Transportation Fund.

Background: The City has applied for federally funded transit capital and planning grants since 1972. FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 are annual formula grants that require a 20% local match. Local match funding for FY26 5307 and 5339 is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund. METRA utilizes this funding to meet annual capital and planning commitments in order to benefit public transit in Columbus.

Analysis: Funding is projected to be:

FY 2026 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and 5339 Formula Grant Program

FY26 Grant	City (20%)	FTA (80%)	Total (100%)
5307 Capital & Planning	\$491,838	\$2,527,946	\$3,159,933
5339 Capital	\$67,296	\$269,182	\$336,478

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<u>Financial Considerations</u>: If the City does not apply for the grant funding requested, then Columbus would turn down a total of \$2,229,102 in federal funds to support public transportation in our community. FTA Section 5307 and Section 5339 are annual formula grants that require a 20% local match. The required local match funding for FY26 Sec. 5307 and Sec. 5339 is budgeted and available in the Transportation Fund.

<u>Legal Considerations</u>: The intent to apply for a Federal Transit Grant (FTA) grant, along with a listing of the program of projects, must be advertised in a local newspaper. A resolution from Council must be submitted with the application to FTA, authorizing the grant application and authorizing the City to enter into a contract with the Federal Transit Administration. The resolution must identify the source of the required local matching funds.

Recommendation/Action: Approval is requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funding from the Federal Transit Administration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 Formula Grant Program for Capital and Plan-ning Assistance in an amount up to \$2,527,946, or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Approval is also requested to submit a grant application and if awarded, accept funds from the Federal Transit Admin-istration's Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 Formula Grant Program for Capital Assistance in an amount up to \$269,182 or as otherwise awarded, and amend the Transportation Fund by the amount of the grant award. Both grants require a 20% match, and funding is budg-eted and available in the Transportation Fund.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5307 FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL AND PLANNING ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$2,527,946, OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD. METRA IS ALSO AUTHORIZED TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND IF AWARDED, ACCEPT FUNDS FROM THE FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION'S TITLE 49 U.S.C. SECTION 5339 FORMULA GRANT PROGRAM FOR CAPITAL ASSISTANCE IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$269,182 OR AS OTHERWISE AWARDED, AND AMEND THE TRANSPORTATION FUND BY THE AMOUNT OF THE GRANT AWARD.

WHEREAS, under Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and Section 5339, the Secretary of the Department of Transportation of the United States (USDOT) is authorized to make grants for mass transit planning and capital improvement; and,

WHEREAS, the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA is the designated the recipient of these transit funds; and,

WHEREAS, the City owns and operates the Columbus Department of Transportation/METRA, the public transit operator in Columbus, Georgia; and,

WHEREAS, the City may apply to FTA for an assistance contract covering up to eighty percent (80%) of the eligible planning and capital improvement expenses; and,

WHEREAS, such contracts will impose certain obligations upon the City, including the provision of the local share of project costs; and,

WHEREAS, the local match for these projects will be funded with Transportation Investment Act (TIA) funds; and,

WHEREAS, the FY 2026 shares for these programs are projected to be:

FY 2026 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 & Section 5339 Formula Grant Programs

FY26 Grant	City (20%)	FTA (80%)	Total (100%)
5307 Capital & Planning	\$631,987	\$2,527,946	\$3,159,933
5339 Capital	\$67,296	\$269,182	\$336,478

WHEREAS, in connection with the filing of an application for assistance under the Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 and Section 5339, USDOT requires, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, that the applicant gives an assurance that they will comply with Title VI and all USDOT requirements thereunder; and,

WHEREAS, it is the goal of the City to utilize disadvantaged business enterprises (DBEs) to the greatest extent practical in City procurements under this project, and to establish opportunities to compete in City procurements for supplies, equipment, construction, consultants, or other services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, AS FOLLOWS:

(1)

That METRA is authorized to apply on behalf of the City for FY2026 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5307 capital and planning financial assistance and for FY2026 Title 49 U.S.C. Section 5339 capital assistance;

(2)

That METRA is authorized to execute contracts in accordance with FY2026 expenses and on behalf of the City with FTA and for the purpose of receiving FTA funds should the applications be approved;

(3)

That the City gives assurance that, should such a contract be executed, it is the intent of the Council to commit its local share of capital, planning, and operating costs under the FY2026 Program of Projects;

(4)

That METRA is authorized to execute (or to delegate to the Department of Transportation/METRA) and file with such application any assurance or other documents required by USDOT or FTA in connection with the application, including any assurance concerning the purpose of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;

(5)

That the Department of Transportation/METRA is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required in connection with the application, and to requisition federal or state funds to reimburse the City for eligible expenses under any resulting grant contract; and

(6)

That the DBE Coordinator, as the DBE Affirmative Action Liaison Officer for the City, is authorized to establish and administer DBE policies in connection with the projects procurement needs.

Introduced at a regular meeting of the Council of Columbus, Georgia held on the 27th day of May 2025 and adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of ten members of said Council.

Item #2.

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Councilor Chambers voting	
Councilor Cogle voting	·
Councilor Crabb voting	·
Councilor Davis voting	·
Councilor Garrett voting	
Councilor Hickey voting	·
Councilor Huff voting	·
Councilor Tucker voting	·
Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council	B.H. "Skip" Henderson III. Mayor

File Attachments for Item:

A. Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0016

то:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Muscogee County Board of Elections & Registration Voting Equipment Delivery Services (Annual Contract) – RFP No. 25-0016
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council authorize the execution of an annual contract with ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL) to provide voting equipment delivery services for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration. The Department budgets \$50,000 annually for these services.

The vendor will deliver voting equipment to voting sites before the scheduled election events. The vendor will also retrieve the same equipment after the election event. The election schedule consists of up to five election events in a presidential election cycle, up to four election events in a mid-term election cycle, and the possibility of special elections in odd-numbered years. Deliveries vary from county-wide (25 precincts) to district elections (as few as five) based on the type of election.

The initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

Annual Contract History:

This is a new annual contract.

RFP Advertisement and Receipt of Proposals:

RFP specifications were posted on the web pages of the Purchasing Division, the Georgia Procurement Registry and DemandStar on March 7, 2025. This RFP has been advertised, opened and evaluated. Five (5) proposals were received by the due date of April 2, 2025, from the following vendors:

ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL)

BMR1 (Columbus, GA) Haws Delivery, LLC (Boise, ID) Affordable Moving (Columbus, GA)¹ Victory 1 Transport (Savannah, GA)²

¹Affordable Moving was deemed non-responsive by the Evaluation Committee due to vendor not addressing all submission requirements as outlined in the RFP. The vendor was notified in writing.

²Victory 1 Transport was deemed non-responsive due to incomplete E-Verify Affidavit, a State of Georgia mandatory submission requirement. The vendor was notified in writing.

The following events took place after receipt of proposals:

RFP MEETINGS/EVENTS		
Description Date Agenda/Action		
Pre-Evaluation Meeting	04/24/25	The Purchasing Manager advised committee members of the RFP rules and process, and the project manager provided an overview. Proposals were disbursed to each committee member to review.
1 st Evaluation Meeting	05/01/25	Committee members discussed the proposals from all vendors.
		The Committee voted to reject the proposal from Affordable Moving as the vendor did not address all submission requirements as outlined in the RFP. Vendor was notified in writing.
		Clarifications were requested from two vendors.
Rejection Letter Sent	05/01/25	Affordable Moving was notified that their proposal would not receive further consideration in this RFP process.
Clarifications Requested	05/02/25	After confirming with the Committee the specific clarifications that were requested, letters were forwarded to two vendors.
Clarifications Received	05/09/25	Clarification responses were received and forwarded to the Committee for review. No further clarifications were requested.
Evaluation Forms Sent	05/09/25	Evaluation forms were forwarded to voting committee members. The three vendors remaining in consideration were: ATL Family Logistic, BMR1 and Haws Delivery, LLC
Evaluation Results	05/14/25	The final set of evaluation forms were completed and returned to Purchasing. Evaluation results were compiled and tabulated.
Evaluation Results Forwarded	05/16/25	The tabulation of scores and evaluator comments were forwarded to the Committee for review.
Award Recommendation	05/16/25	The voting Committee members unanimously voted to award the contract to ATL Family Logistic a Best and Final Offer has been requested from the vendor.
Best and Final Offer Received	05/19/25	ATL Family Logistic submitted a Best and Final Offer for the services.

Evaluation Committee:

The proposals were reviewed by the Evaluation Committee, which consisted of one voting member from Elections, one voting member from Community Reinvestment and one voting member from the Board of Elections.

Serving as an alternate voter was one representative from Information Technology.

Serving as a non-voting advisor wa - Page 40 -



Award Recommendation:

The voting Committee members recommend award to ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL)

for the following reasons:

• ATL Family Logistic

- A strength of this vendor's proposal is that the company has an alternate plan.
 This shows experience with the everyday workings of equipment and delivery services.
- Vendor has great references and experienced employees.
- ATL Family Logistic has five (5) 26-foot trucks, GPS enabled routing systems, and mobile communication.

Qualifications/Experience:

- ATL Family Logistic is a woman-owned, minority small business with over five years of experience in general and specialized freight delivery.
- The vendor specializes in secure and timely transportation solutions for both local and long-distance needs, including the safe handling of sensitive and oversized equipment.
- ATL Family Logistic has successfully executed logistics solutions across a variety of sectors, including healthcare, construction, and critical public infra-structure.
- Below are the last three clients for which the contractor has performed similar services, at the time the contractor submitted a proposal:

US Postal Services

2024 – Present

(No address provided)

Pick up mail from the main Postal Service location and deliver to smaller, local post offices.

Courier Express

2024 - 2024

2051 Franklin Way, Marietta, GA 30067 Pick up merchandise and essential goods at the warehouse and deliver them to local stores.

King of Freight

2022 - 2023

605 S Wichita Street, Wichita, KS 67202 Interstate deliveries of various goods and general freight service.

The City's Procurement Ordinance Article 3-110 (Competitive Sealed Proposals for the procurement of Equipment, Supplie Page 41 ssional Services) governs the RFP Process.

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During the RFP process, there is no formal opening due to the possibility of negotiated components of the proposal. In the event City Council does not approve the recommended offeror, no proposal responses or any negotiated components are made public until after the award of the contract. Therefore, the evaluation results and cost information has been submitted to the City Manager in a separate memo for informational purposes.

Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101-290-2000-ELCT-6355.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNUAL CONTRACT WITH ATL FAMILY LOGISTIC (POMPANO BEACH, FL) TO PROVIDE VOTING EQUIPMENT DELIVERY SERVICES FOR THE MUSCOGEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION. THE DEPARTMENT BUDGETS \$50,000.00 ANNUALLY FOR THE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, an RFP was administered (RFP No. 25-0016) and five (5) proposals were received; and,

WHEREAS, the proposal submitted by ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL) met all proposal requirements and was deemed most responsive to the RFP; and,

WHEREAS, the initial term of the contract will be for two (2) years with the option to renew for three (3) additional twelve-month periods. Contract renewal will be contingent upon the mutual agreement of the City and the Contractor.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to execute an annual contract with ATL Family Logistic (Pompano Beach, FL) to provide voting equipment delivery services for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration. The department budgets \$50,000 annually for the services. Funds are available each fiscal year for this ongoing expense: General Fund – Boards and Commissions – Elections & Registration – Election Expenses; 0101-290-2000-ELCT-6355.

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Item #A.

Lindsey G. Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

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File Attachments for Item:

B. Backdrop Curtains and Porter Curtains for the Civic Center

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Backdrop Curtains and Porter Curtains for the Civic Center
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of backdrop curtains and porter curtains, for the Civic Center, from Radius Display Products (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$1,795.20. The purchase amount falls within the City's small purchase limit; however, Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

The Civic Center uses the heavier or lined backdrop and porter curtains for noise reduction, which is especially valuable in shared or noisy environments. Additionally, the curtains are designed to regulate the amount of natural light by reducing glare inside the Arena during events. The proposed curtains are replacements for existing curtains that are no longer serviceable due to age, and wear and tear.

The original curtains were custom-made by the vendor when the Civic Center was constructed. The new curtains will also be custom made by the vendor to maintain specifications. Therefore, Radius Display Products, is deemed the only known per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Under \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7763.

Item #B.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF BACKDROP CURTAINS AND PORTER CURTAINS, FOR THE CIVIC CENTER, FROM RADIUS DISPLAY PRODUCTS (DALLAS, TX), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ 1,795.20. THE PURCHASE AMOUNT FALLS WITHIN THE CITY'S SMALL PURCHASE LIMIT; HOWEVER, COUNCIL APPROVAL IS REQUIRED FOR THE PURCHASE DUE TO FUNDING VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, the Civic Center uses the heavier or lined backdrop and porter curtains for noise reduction, which is especially valuable in shared or noisy environments. Additionally, the curtains are designed to regulate the amount of natural light by reducing glare inside the Arena during events. The proposed curtains are replacements for existing curtains that are no longer serviceable due to age, and wear and tear; and,

WHEREAS, the original curtains were custom-made by the vendor when the Civic Center was constructed. The new curtains will also be custom made by the vendor to maintain specifications. Therefore, Radius Display Products is deemed the only known per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to purchase backdrop curtains and porter curtains, for the Civic Center, from Radius Display Products (Dallas, TX), in the amount of \$1,795.20. The purchase amount falls within the City's small purchase limit; however, Council approval is required for the purchase due to funding via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Under \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7763.

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Councilor Crabb	voting	_	
Councilor Davis	voting	_	
Councilor Garrett	voting	_	
Councilor Hickey	voting	_	
Councilor Huff	voting		
Councilor Tucker	voting	_	

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

C. Declaration of Surplus and Trade-In of Eleven (11) All Terrain Vehicles (ATV	/s) and Two (2) Scooters

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File Attachments for Item:

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Declaration of Surplus and Trade-In of Eleven (11) All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Two (2) Scooters
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council declare the following eleven (11) all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and two (2) scooters, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the trade-in of the surplus equipment towards the purchase of a 2025 Denago Rover XL:

BODY	YEAR	MAKE
1. 17727	2010	Artie Cat ATV
2. 17728	2010	Artie Cat ATV
3. 17726	2010	Artie Cat ATV
4. 17729	2010	Artie Cat ATV
5. 17767	2010	Artie Cat ATV
6. 17768	2010	Artie Cat ATV
7. 17851	2011	Artie Cat ATV
8. 17988	2016	Yamaha ATV
9. 17989	2016	Yamaha ATV
10. 17990	2016	Yamaha ATV
11. 17991	2016	Yamaha ATV
12. 17271	2004	Hyundai Scooter
13. 17270	2004	Hyundai Scooter

The vehicles have exceeded the useful life for the Department. The Columbus Police Department wishes to trade-in the vehicles towards the purchase of a 2025 Denago Rover XL.

A RESOLUTION

NO.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION OF THE FOLLOWING ELEVEN (11) ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES (ATVS) AND TWO (2) SCOOTERS, FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, AS SURPLUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7-501 OF THE CHARTER OF COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE TRADE-IN OF THE SURPLUS EQUIPMENT TOWARDS THE PURCHASE OF A 2025 DENAGO ROVER XL:

BODY	YEAR	MAKE
1. 17727	2010	Artie Cat ATV
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11. 17991	2016	Yamaha ATV
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13. 17270	2004	Hyundai Scooter

WHEREAS, the vehicles have exceeded the useful life for the Department. The Columbus Police Department wishes to trade-in the vehicles towards the purchase of a 2025 Denago Rover XL.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to declare the following eleven (11) all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and two (2) scooters, from the Police Department, as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the trade-in of the surplus equipment towards the purchase of a 2025 Denago Rover XL:

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10. 17990	2016	Yamaha ATV

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11.	17991	2016	Yamaha ATV
12.	17271	2004	Hyundai Scooter
13.	17270	2004	Hyundai Scooter

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Councilor Huff	voting		
Councilor Tucker	voting		
Lindsey Mclemore, Clerl	c of Council	B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor	

D. Networking Equipment for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative
Purchase

File Attachments for Item:

то:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Networking Equipment for Information Technology – Georgia Statewide Contract Cooperative Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of networking equipment, for Information Technology, from C-Pak Technology Solutions (LaGrange, GA), in the amount of \$156,420.00. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002.

Information Technology requires the new networking equipment for the new Fire/EMS Headquarters. The equipment connects multiple devices in a local area network (LAN) and facilitates communication between the devices.

Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002 is a cooperative contract whereby Cisco Systems, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Networking Equipment and Related Services. C-Pak is an authorized partner for Cisco for the United States. The term of the contract is good through November 17, 2026. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Special Projects/Capital Project Fund – Capital Projects – General Fund Supported Capital Projects – Computer Equipment – Fire/EMS Administration Building Renovations; 0508 – 660 – 1000 – CPGF – 7751 – 22979 – 20250.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF NETWORKING EQUIPMENT, FOR INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, FROM C-PAK TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS (LAGRANGE, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$156,420.00. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA GEORGIA STATEWIDE CONTRACT #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002.

WHEREAS, Information Technology requires the new networking equipment for the new Fire/EMS Headquarters. The equipment connects multiple devices in a local area network (LAN) and facilitates communication between the devices; and,

WHEREAS, Georgia Statewide Contract #99999-SPD-SPD0000219-0002 is a cooperative contract whereby Cisco Systems, Inc. is one of the awarded vendors contracted to provide Networking Equipment and Related Services. C-Pak is an authorized partner for Cisco for the United States. The term of the contract is good through November 17, 2026. The contract is available for use by any Georgia governmental entity. The City's Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

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B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

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E. Refuse Truck Repair for Public Works

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Refuse Truck Repair for Public Works
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve payment to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$51,675.48, for the repair of a Crane Carrier sanitation refuse truck, Vehicle # 19037.

The refuse truck was purchased during FY2017, which makes the equipment approximately 8 years old. This vehicle experienced hydraulic system failure. Due to the importance of the piece of equipment in the city's daily sanitation mission, the Fleet Maintenance Division authorized Carolina Environmental Systems to complete the repairs.

The refuse truck was purchased from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., per Resolution #309-16. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source to perform the repairs per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund — Public Works — Solid Waste Collection — Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 - 260 - 3510 - GARB – 6721.

Item #E.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS, INC. (AUSTELL, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$51,675.48, FOR THE REPAIR OF A CRANE CARRIER SANITATION REFUSE TRUCK, VEHICLE # 19037.

WHEREAS, the refuse truck was purchased during FY2017, which makes the equipment approximately 8 years old. This vehicle experienced hydraulic system failure. Due to the importance of the piece of equipment in the city's daily sanitation mission, the Fleet Maintenance Division authorized Carolina Environmental Systems to complete the repairs; and,

WHEREAS, the refuse truck was purchased from Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc., per Resolution #309-16. Therefore, the vendor is deemed the only known source to perform the repairs per the Procurement Ordinance, Article 3-114.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to render payment to Carolina Environmental Systems, Inc. (Austell, GA), in the amount of \$51,675.48, for the repair of a Crane Carrier sanitation refuse truck, Vehicle # 19037. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: Integrated Waste Management Fund — Public Works — Solid Waste Collection — Auto Parts and Supplies; 0207 - 260 - 3510 - GARB – 6721.

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Councilor Hickey	voting	
Councilor Huff	voting	
Councilor Tucker	voting	
Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk	B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor	•

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F. Electric 3-Wheel Scooters for the Sheriff's Office – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase

File Attachments for Item:

то:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Electric 3-Wheel Scooters for the Sheriff's Office – Federal GSA Cooperative Contract Purchase
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the purchase of six (6) electric 3-wheel scooters, for the Sheriff's Office, from Trikke Professional Mobility/Trikke Tech Inc. (Buellton, CA), in the amount of \$73,188.44. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QSMA21D08NY.

The Sheriff's Office is adopting the use of electric scooters to enhance its community policing efforts and achieve its goals of mobility, visibility, and engagement. The electric scooters provide a versatile, sustainable, and effective mode of transportation for officers who could patrol more areas to include parks, interact with residents more positively and detect crime more efficiently.

The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract # 47QSMA21D08NY awarded to Trikke Tech Inc. General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 550 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

A RESOLUTION

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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF SIX (6) ELECTRIC 3-WHEEL SCOOTERS, FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE, FROM TRIKKE PROFESSIONAL MOBILITY/TRIKKE TECH INC. (BUELLTON, CA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$73,188.44. THE PURCHASE WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED BY COOPERATIVE PURCHASE VIA FEDERAL GSA CONTRACT #47QSMA21D08NY.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is adopting the use of electric scooters to enhance its community policing efforts and achieve its goals of mobility, visibility, and engagement. The electric scooters provide a versatile, sustainable, and effective mode of transportation for officers who could patrol more areas to include parks, interact with residents more positively and deter and detect crime more efficiently; and,

WHEREAS, the purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract # 47QSMA21D08NY awarded to Trikke Tech Inc. General Services Administration (GSA) is the Federal purchasing cooperative providing products and services for purchase by state and local governments. The Procurement Ordinance, Article 9-101, authorizes the use of cooperative purchasing.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to purchase of six (6) electric 3-wheel scooters, for the Sheriff's Office, from Trikke Professional Mobility/Trikke Tech Inc. (Buellton, CA), in the amount of \$73,188.44. The purchase will be accomplished by Cooperative Purchase via Federal GSA Contract #47QSMA21D08NY. Funds are available in the FY25 Budget: LOST/Public Safety – Sheriff – Public Safety/LOST – Capital Expenditures/Over \$5,000; 0102 – 550 – 9900 – LOST – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

G. Mold Removal and Remediation for the Civic Center		

File Attachments for Item:

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Mold Removal and Remediation for the Civic Center
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve the payment to MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$192,000.00, for mold removal remediation services required at the Civic Center, per Resolution #212-24. Although the Resolution authorizes the vendor to provide the services, Council approval is further requested as the payment will be funded via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center.

Due to health and safety concerns, City Council approved MLB EnviroHealth & Safety to provide mold removal and remediation services at the jail and other City facilities during FY25, per Resolution #212-24. Recently, the services were required throughout the Civic Center building due to mold located on the ceilings, walls, furniture and underneath the carpet.

The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Under \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7763.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT TO MLB ENVIROHEALTH & SAFETY, LLC (COLUMBUS, GA), IN THE AMOUNT OF \$192,000.00, FOR MOLD REMOVAL REMEDIATION SERVICES REQUIRED AT THE CIVIC CENTER, PER RESOLUTION #212-24. ALTHOUGH THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZES THE VENDOR TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES, COUNCIL APPROVAL IS FURTHER REQUESTED AS THE PAYMENT WILL BE FUNDED VIA THE FRIENDS OF COLUMBUS ACCOUNT FOR THE CIVIC CENTER.

WHEREAS, due to health and safety concerns, City Council approved MLB EnviroHealth & Safety to provide mold removal and remediation services at the jail and other City facilities during FY25, per Resolution #212-24; and,

WHEREAS, recently, the services were required throughout the Civic Center building due to mold located on the ceilings, walls, furniture and underneath the carpet.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to render payment to MLB EnviroHealth & Safety, LLC (Columbus, GA), in the amount of \$192,000.00, for mold removal remediation services required at the Civic Center, per Resolution #212-24. Although the Resolution authorizes the vendor to provide the services, Council approval is further requested as the payment will be funded via the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center. The purchase will be funded from the Friends of Columbus account for the Civic Center and charged in the FY25 Budget as follows: Civic Center Fund – Civic Center Operations – Capital Expenditures Over \$5,000; 0757 – 160 – 1000 – CIVC – 7761.

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Lindsey Mclemore, Clerk of Council

B.H. "Skip" Henderson III, Mayor

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H. Government-Wide Operational and Performance Assessment & Consulting Services

File Attachments for Item:

TO:	Mayor and Councilors				
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Government-Wide Operational and Performance Assessment Consulting Services	&			
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department				

It is requested that the Council approve additional professional services from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, GA) to provide a government-wide operational and performance assessment in an amount not to exceed \$580,00.00.

Mauldin and Jenkins will provide consulting services to assess Government operations and performance which will include reviewing the current environment, comparing to leading practices, developing models and enhancements for a desired future state, identifying gaps between the current and future states, and creating realistic and implementable recommendations for the Government to achieve its desired future state. Core operating departments will be assessed. Additionally, elected officials can participate in the assessment if they desire. The estimated project duration is approximately 6-9 months to complete the assessment.

The assessment scope and objectives include the following:

- Review the functional taxonomy, organizational makeup, staffing, and roles and responsibilities
- Review governing requirements (statutes, regulations, policies and procedures, etc.)
- Review business processes, workflows, inputs/outputs, and dependencies for both controls and risk mitigation, as well as efficiency and effectiveness
- Review the current use of technology and identify opportunities for automation/enhancement
- Review communications and reporting
- Identify financial management and operational leading practices
- Compare the Government's current environment to leading practices and departmental/Government-specific goals
- Develop meaningful recommendations to improve/enhance operations and create a roadmap for a desired future state.

Mauldin & Jenkins has proven expertise in this type of consultant services for governmental entities. Additionally, Mauldin & Jenkins is the City's annual contracted vendor providing Auditing Services, per Resolution #084-25. Under the contract, the City can engage the vendor to provide additional professional services.

General Fund reserves will be used to cover the cost of the assessment. Expenses will be charged to: General Fund – Non-departmental – Non-categorical – Professional Services; 0101-590-3000-NCAT-6311.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FROM MAULDIN AND JENKINS (ATLANTA, GA) TO PROVIDE A GOVERNMENT-WIDE OPERATIONAL AND PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$580,00.00.

WHEREAS, Mauldin and Jenkins will provide consulting services to assess Government operations and performance which will include reviewing the current environment, comparing to leading practices, developing models and enhancements for a desired future state, identifying gaps between the current and future states, and creating realistic and implementable recommendations for the Government to achieve its desired future state. Core operating departments will be assessed. Additionally, elected officials can participate in the assessment if they desire. The estimated project duration is approximately 6-9 months to complete the assessment; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to execute an engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, GA) to provide a government-wide operational and performance assessment in an amount not to exceed \$580,00.00. General Fund reserves will be used to cover the cost of the assessment. Expenses will be charged to: General Fund – Non-departmental – Non-categorical – Professional Services; 0101-590-3000-NCAT-6311.

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File Attachments for Item:

I. Organizational Risk Assessment & Consulting Services

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Organizational Risk Assessment & Consulting Services
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council approve additional professional services from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, GA) to provide an organizational risk assessment for the fixed amount of \$69,950.00.

Mauldin and Jenkins will provide consulting services to conduct an organization wide risk assessment which will identify areas of risk throughout the organization based on criteria to be determined during the course of the engagement. The risk assessment will help to establish an effective, risk-based Internal Audit approach for the City that will direct Internal Audit activity to focus on reviews that matter, to continually assess and manage risk, and to team with management, process owners, control operators, and other assurance functions to mitigate and improve operational results while meeting regulatory requirements.

The scope of the Risk Assessment includes addressing the key strategic, financial, operational, and legal & regulatory risks as defined by the COSO internal control framework. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) developed a widely used framework to help organizations design, implement, and assess their internal control systems. It provides a comprehensive approach to understanding and managing internal controls over financial reporting, operations, and compliance.

Mauldin and Jenkins will conduct the Risk Assessment with a joint team of experienced IA specialists, government subject-matter specialists, and IT specialists. An Information Technology risk assessment identifying and prioritizing what IT areas and risks should be the focus of IT will also be incorporated into the overall Risk Assessment approach. The estimated project duration is approximately 65-75 days to complete the risk assessment.

Engagement objectives include the following:

- •Meet with key stakeholders to understand the Government's strategic imperatives, operational processes, and legal and regulatory framework.
- •Work with the City's leadership team and Audit/Finance Committee to frame and communicate the City's vision for the Government's internal audit function.
- •Meet with leadership and core process owners to define the audit universe and complete the comprehensive Risk Assessment which includes information technology.
- •Create a comprehensive Risk Assessment Report detailing levels of potential risk throughout the organization.
- •Present final deliverables to key stakeholders.

Mauldin & Jenkins has proven expertise in this type of consultant services for governmental entities. Additionally, Mauldin & Jenkins is the City's annual contracted vendor providing

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Auditing Services, per Resolution #084-25. Under the contract, the City can engage the vendor to provide additional professional services.

General Fund reserves will be used to cover the cost of the assessment. Expenses will be charged to: General Fund – Non-departmental – Non-categorical – Professional Services; 0101-590-3000-NCAT-6311.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN ENGAGEMENT LETTER FROM MAULDIN AND JENKINS (ATLANTA, GA) TO PROVIDE AN ORGANIZATIONAL RISK ASSESSMENT FOR THE FIXED AMOUNT OF \$69,950.00.

WHEREAS, Mauldin and Jenkins will provide consulting services to conduct an organizational risk assessment which will identify areas of risk throughout the organization based on criteria to be determined during the course of the engagement. The risk assessment will help to establish an effective, risk-based Internal Audit approach for the City that will direct Internal Audit activity to focus on reviews that matter, to continually assess and manage risk, and to team with management, process owners, control operators, and other assurance functions to mitigate and improve operational results while meeting regulatory requirements; and,

WHEREAS, the scope of the Risk Assessment includes addressing the key strategic, financial, operational, and legal & regulatory risks as defined by the COSO internal control framework. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO) developed a widely used framework to help organizations design, implement, and assess their internal control systems. It provides a comprehensive approach to understanding and managing internal controls over financial reporting, operations, and compliance; and,

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NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to execute an engagement letter from Mauldin and Jenkins (Atlanta, GA) to provide an organizational risk

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assessment for the fixed amount of \$69,950.00. General Fund reserves will be used to cover the cost of the assessment. Expenses will be charged to: General Fund – Non-departmental – Non-categorical – Professional Services; 0101-590-3000-NCAT-6311.

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J. Declaration of Surplus and Recycling of Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and One (1) GMC Yukon

File Attachments for Item:

Columbus Consolidated Government Council Meeting Agenda Item

TO:	Mayor and Councilors
AGENDA SUBJECT:	Declaration of Surplus and Recycling of Two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and One (1) GMC Yukon
INITIATED BY:	Finance Department

It is requested that Council declare the following two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and one (1) GMC Yukon as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and authorize the recycling of the vehicles:

VEHICLE #17819	VEHICLE #17797	VEHICLE #3172
Year - 2012	Year - 2012	Year - 2003
Make - Chevrolet	Make - Chevrolet	Make – GMC
Model – Tahoe Pursuit	Model - Tahoe Pursuit	Model – Yukon
Purchase Price - \$26,228.75	Purchase Price - \$26,228.75	Purchase Price - \$26,356.68
Last Mileage – 211,368	Last Mileage - 133,864	Last Mileage - 246,311

Fleet Management confirms that the three vehicles listed above have been salvaged because of body and frame damage sustained during traffic accidents. Due to the age of the vehicles, parts availability and the make and model of these type vehicles remaining within the City's fleet, it has been determined that stripping the vehicles for all serviceable parts would help in maintaining like vehicles, until funding is acquired to purchase replacements.

A RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE DECLARATION THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) CHEVROLET TAHOES AND ONE (1) GMC YUKON AS SURPLUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 7-501 OF THE CHARTER OF COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT; AND AUTHORIZE THE RECYCLING OF THE VEHICLES:

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WHEREAS, Fleet Management confirms that the three vehicles listed above have been salvaged because of body and frame damage sustained during traffic accidents; and,

WHEREAS, due to the age of the vehicles, parts availability and the make and model of these type vehicles remaining within the City's fleet, it has been determined that stripping the vehicles for all serviceable parts would help in maintaining like vehicles, until funding is acquired to purchase replacements.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

That the City Manager and/or his designee are hereby authorized to declare the following two (2) Chevrolet Tahoes and one (1) GMC Yukon as surplus, in accordance with section 7-501 of the Charter of Columbus Consolidated Government; and is further authorized to recycle the vehicles:

VEHICLE #17819	VEHICLE #17797	VEHICLE #3172
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File Attachments for Item:			
C. Pool Update - Holli Browder, Director, Parks & Recreation			

Item #C.

OUTDOOR POOLS AND SPLASH PADS UPDATE

Holli Browder

Parks and Recreation Director

May 27, 2025



Psalmond Road Pool Opening May 28, 2025





Psalmond Road Pool Opening May 28, 2025



Rigdon Pool Opening May 28, 2025





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Shirley Winston Pool Opening May 28, 2025





Double Churches Pool Opening May 28, 2025





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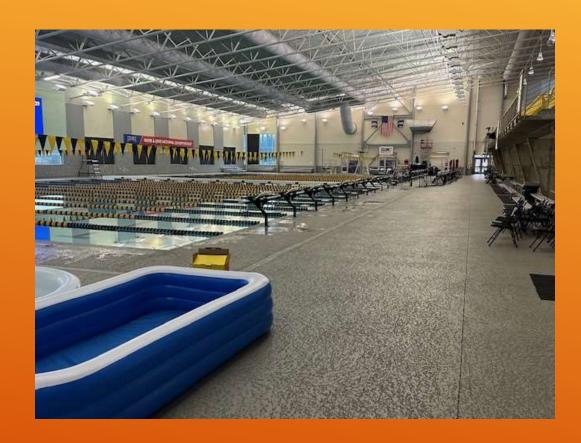
Outdoor Pools Hours of Operation, Daily Fees and Pool Passes

Monday & Tuesday	CLOSED
Wednesday - Friday	12:00pm - 6:00pm
Saturday - Sunday	11:00am - 7:00pm

Ages	Muscogee County Residents	Out of County Residents
11& under	\$2.00	\$4.00
12-17	\$3.00	\$6.00
18-54	\$4.00	\$8.00
55 & older	\$3.00	\$6.00 - Page

Outdoor Pool Season Pass Prices						
Per Person	Muscogee County Residents	Per Person	Non-Residents			
1	\$30.00	1	\$45.00			
2	\$55.00	2	\$75.00			
3	\$75.00	3	\$95.00			
4	\$90.00	4	\$115.00			
5	\$105.00	5	\$120.00			
Customers will be asked for proof of residency via Driver's License						

Columbus Aquatic Center





Columbus Aquatic Center



Hours of Operation

Sunday 1pm-6pm

Monday-Saturday 6am-8pm

Fees/Rates

Non-resident 12-17: \$6.00

Non-resident Adult: \$10.00

Non-resident Senior: \$6.00

Non-resident Under 12: \$4.00

Resident-Adult: \$5.00

Resident Under 12: \$2.00

Resident 12-17: \$3.00

Resident Senior: \$3.00

Citizen's Services Center Splash Pad Ribbon Cutting June 3, 2025

Hours of Operation 9am – 7pm daily



Carver Park Splash Pad

Hours of Operation 9am – 7pm daily



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D. Liberty District Master Plan – Neil Clark, Hecht Burdeshaw Architects, Inc.

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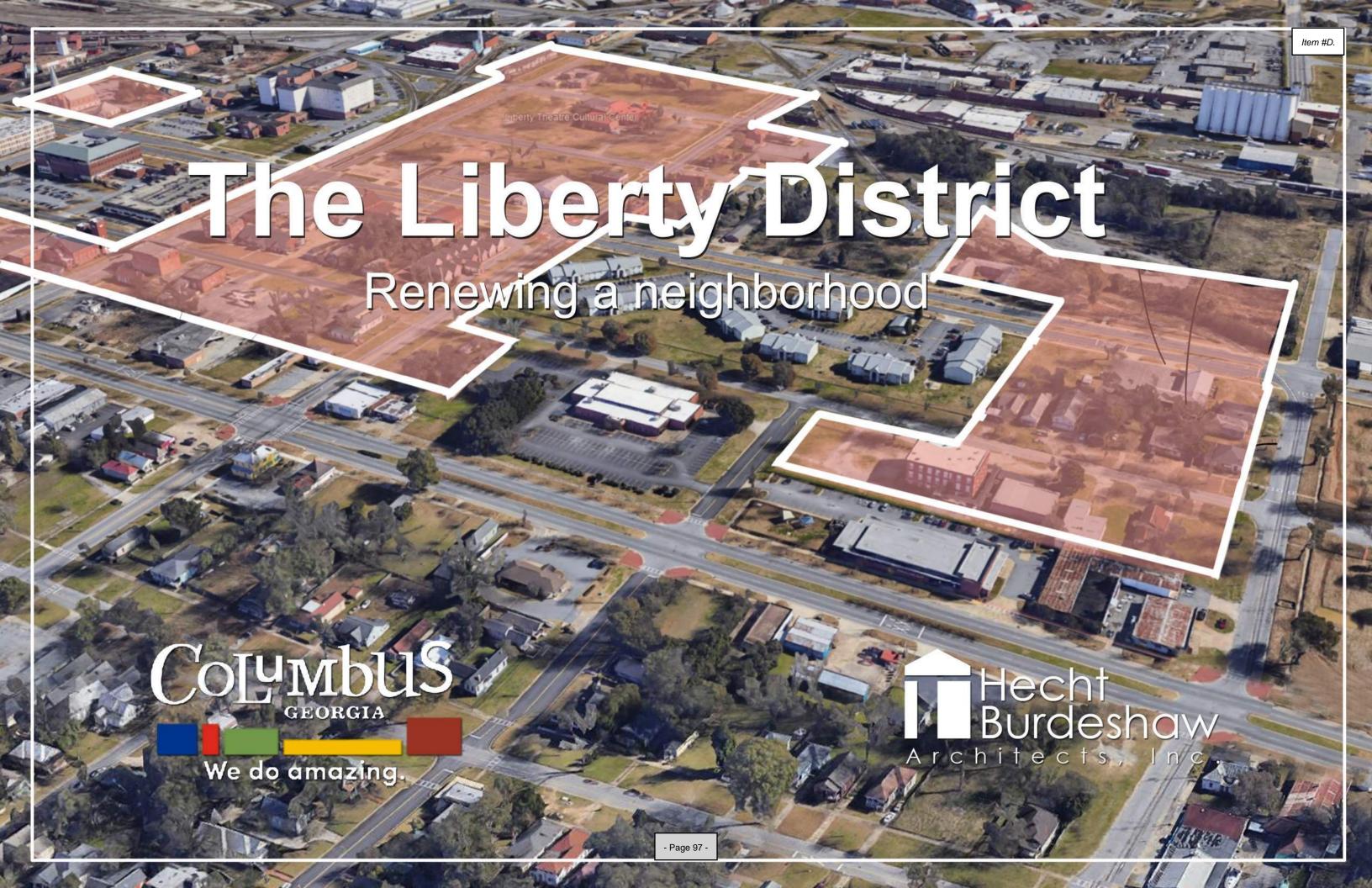




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Liberty Heritage Historic District

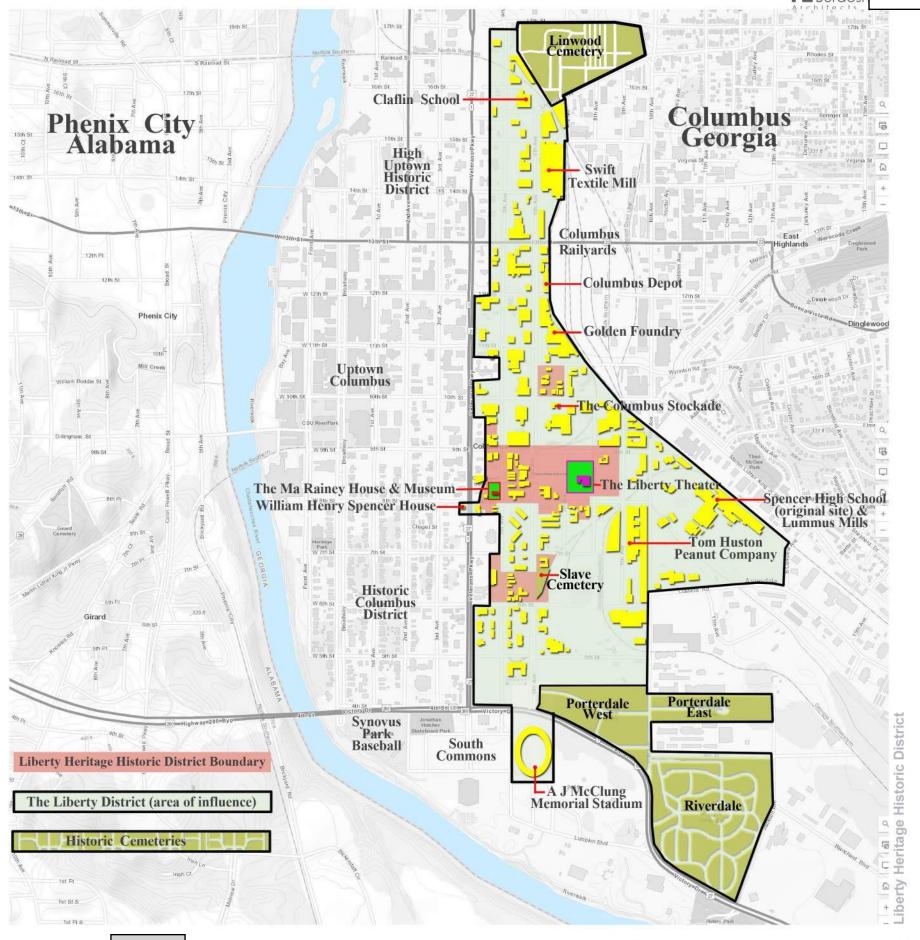
The historic center of black life in Columbus

From the 1984 nomination form of the National Register of Historic Places application.

The Liberty District also boasts several historic churches, schools, businesses, and homes that reflect the diverse and vibrant history of the neighborhood. Some examples are the St. James AME Church, which was founded in 1876 and is one of the oldest black churches in Columbus; the Spencer High School, which was established in 1930 as the first public high school for African Americans in Columbus; the Claflin School, which was built in 1868 as one of the first schools for freed slaves in Georgia; and the Ma Rainey House and Museum, which was the residence of the legendary blues singer known as the "Mother of the Blues".



The Liberty Heritage Historic District is a valuable part of the historic districts of Columbus, Georgia that showcase the rich and diverse heritage of the city. The district is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and achievements of the African American community that has shaped the history and culture of Columbus for over a century.







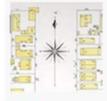
History - 1900 Sanborn Map

Observations

Sanborn maps are detailed maps of U.S. cities and towns in the 19th and 20th centuries. Originally published by The Sanborn Map Company (Sanborn), the maps were created to allow fire insurance companies to assess their total liability in urbanized areas of the United States.

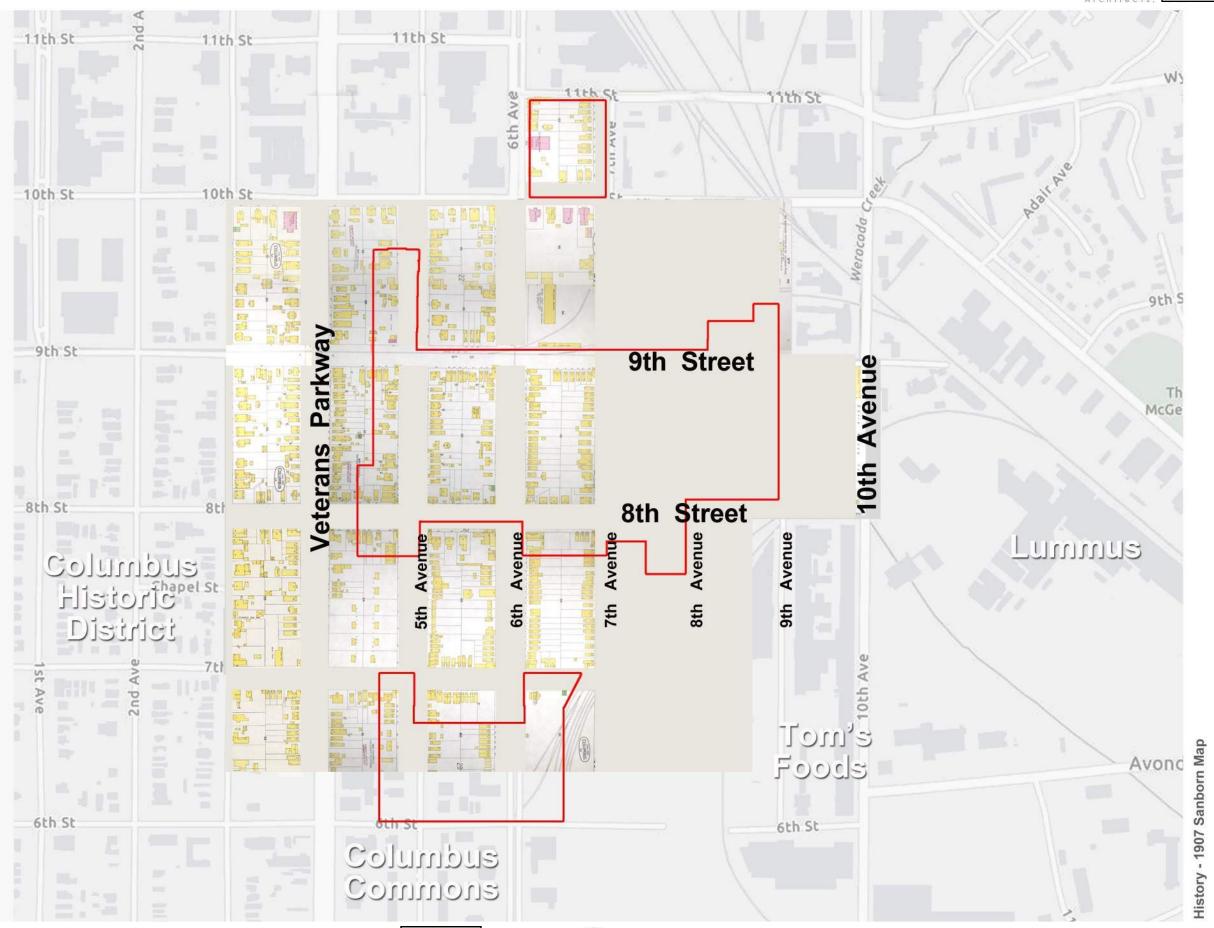
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Legend



Sanborn Map

Liberty Heritage Historic District





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History - 1907 Sanborn Map

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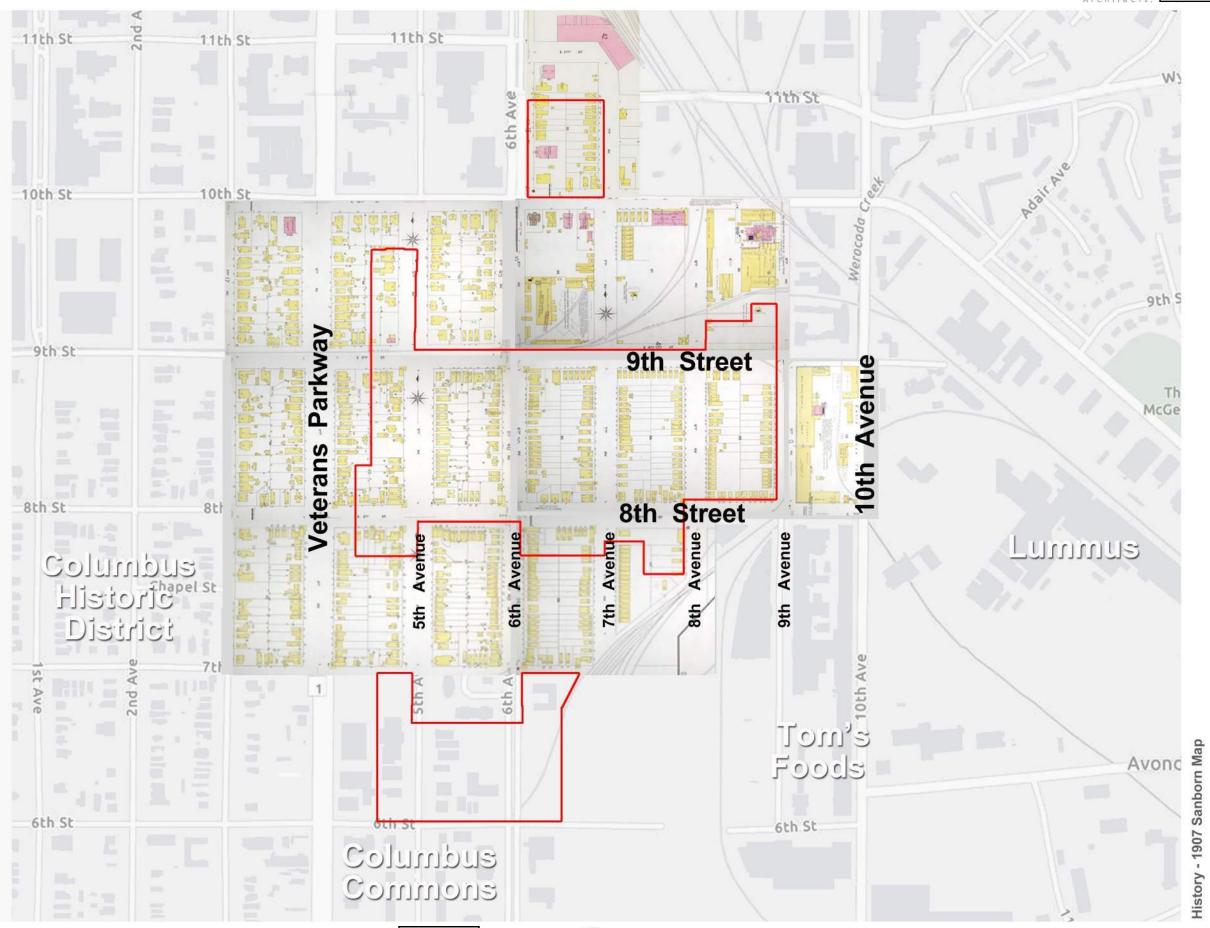
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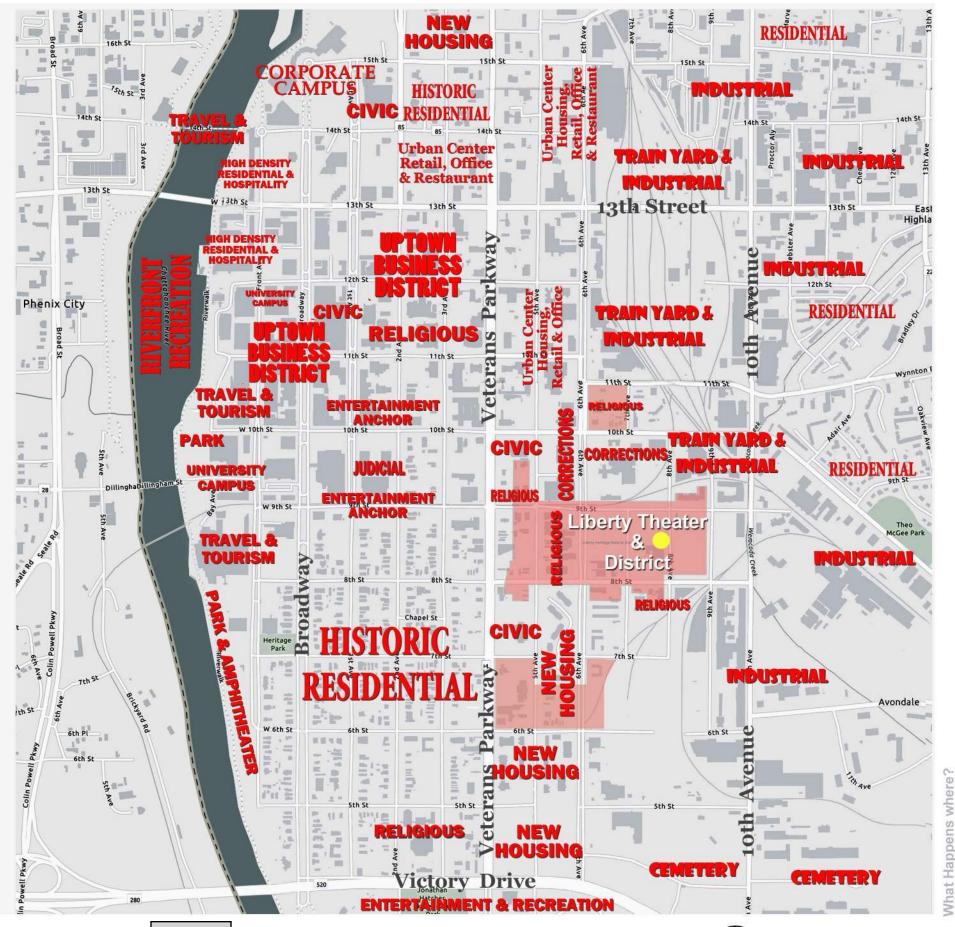
What happens where?

A guide to general land uses in the Liberty District and surroundings

Location: The Liberty Heritage Historic District is situated in Columbus, Georgia, just east of downtown. It serves as a bridge connecting the oldest historic residential district to the extensive railroad yards and industrial district further east.

Liberty Theater: The heart of this neighborhood is the Liberty Theater, which opened in 1924. The theater was a center of black entertainment and hosted famous performers like Bessie Smith, Ella Fitzgerald, Lena Horne, and Ma Rainey.

Historic Preservation: The Historic Columbus Foundation plays a crucial role in preserving and promoting the area's heritage. Located at 1440 2nd Avenue, HCF offers programs, events, and educational initiatives to deepen visitors' appreciation for Columbus's cultural significance.







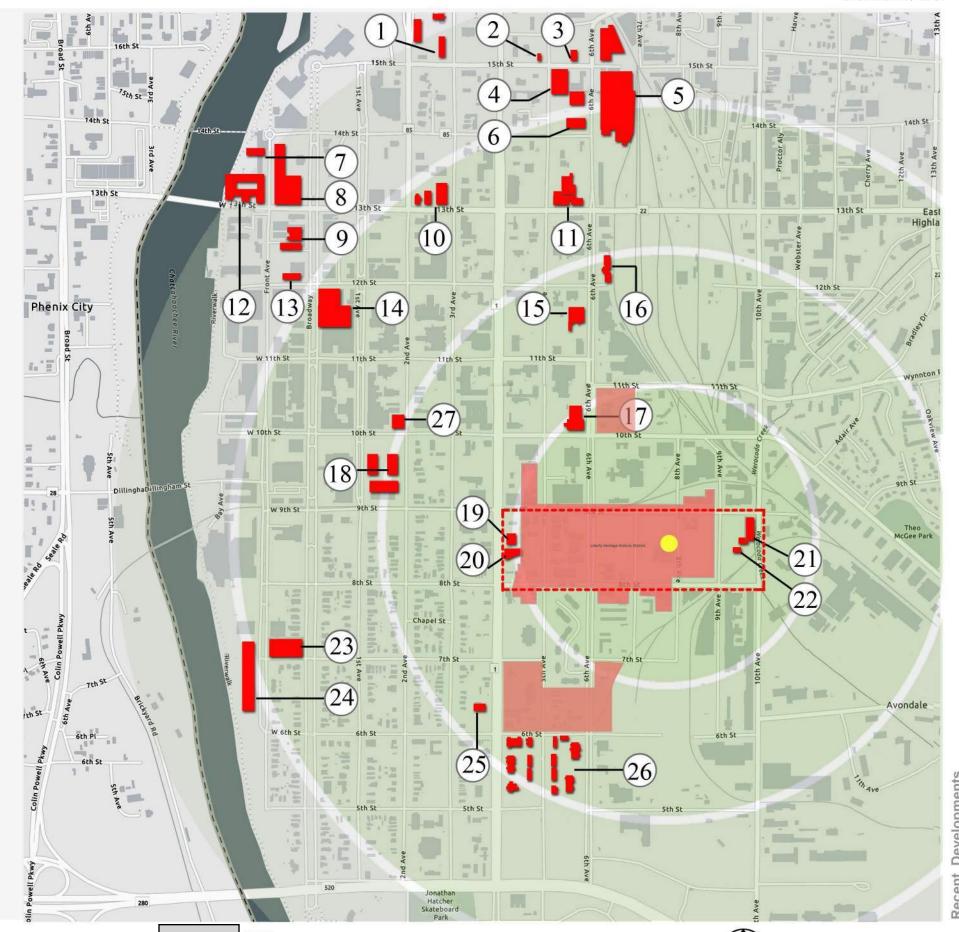


Recent Developments

(Quarter mile walking range increments)

Legend

- 1. New Loft Housing
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- 3. Stumpy's
- 4. Fetch Dog Park
- 5. Swift Mill Lofts and Office
- 6. Moes BBQ
- 7. Hotel Indigo
- 8. Synovus
- 9. Ram Hotels
- 10. Uptown Provisions
- 11. Chattabrewchee/ Vintageville
- 12. The Rapids
- 13. Hampton Inn
- 14. City Offices Renovation
- 15. Salt life
- 16. New Law Offices
- 17. Sheriff's Department
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- 22. SpeedWay
- 23. New Historic Home Sites
- 24. Chattahoochee Promenade Renovation
- 25. Neighborworks
- 26. Columbus Commons Residential
- 27. Springer Performing Arts in the Outdoors





Recent Developments

(Quarter mile walking range increments)





The spiritual center of the Liberty District

Houses of Worship as Institutional Anchors for the Liberty Neighborhood

The churches within the Liberty District play a significant role as anchor institutions in preserving this historic neighborhood, and their presence is one of the truly unique aspects of the Liberty District's charm. The presence of churches in the Liberty District dates back to the 1840's, shortly after the founding of Columbus in 1828. Some churches were off-shoots of larger churches as a way to segregate their congregations while others were founded by slaves and their descendents for the black citizenry.

Churches have been in the Liberty District for the good times and the bad. When residents and businesses were leaving the district in the 60's, 70's and 80's, the churches made the decision to stay. And the former Liberty residents still came back to worship in the Liberty District churches, just as they always have done, because churches serve as more than just places of worship; they are hubs of cultural, social, and economic activities that contribute to the lives of their parishoners, as well as to the preservation and revitalization of the Liberty District.

Community Organizing: Churches have a long history of mobilizing their congregations and the broader community for social and political change. They often serve as catalysts for community organizing efforts aimed at preserving historic neighborhoods by advocating for policies and resources that benefit the community.

Historic Preservation: Many churches are themselves historic landmarks. Preserving these church buildings can be a symbol of the neighborhood's history and cultural identity. Churches often work with preservation organizations to secure funding for restoration and maintenance of their historic structures.

Cultural and Educational Programs: Churches may offer cultural programs, workshops, and educational initiatives that promote the heritage and history of the neighborhood. This helps maintain a sense of identity and pride among residents.

Social Services: Some churches provide social services such as food banks, counseling, job training, and housing assistance. These services can help stabilize the neighborhood population and prevent displacement due to gentrification.

Economic Development: Churches can support local businesses and entrepreneurs through partnerships, mentoring, and space rental. Churches have payrolls too, during the good years and the lean. They can also promote economic development initiatives that create jobs and improve the overall financial health of the neighborhood.

Housing Initiatives: Some churches engage in affordable housing projects to ensure that long-time residents can continue to live in the neighborhood. This can involve developing affordable housing units or advocating for housing policies that protect residents from eviction and rising rents.

Community Events: Churches often host community events, such as festivals, health fairs, and educational workshops. These events bring residents together and promote a sense of belonging and cohesion within the neighborhood.

Youth and Family Support: Many churches offer programs for youth and families, such as after-school programs, mentoring, and family counseling. These services can help address issues that may threaten the stability of the neighborhood.

Crisis Response: In times of crisis, such as natural disasters or community emergencies, churches often serve as hubs for disaster relief efforts and community support, further solidifying their role as anchor institutions.

Greater Beaulah Baptist Church

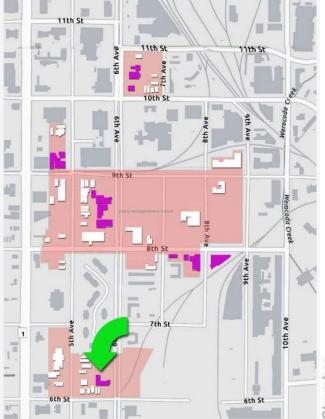


In 1959, the trustees and the pastor found three plots of land located at 609, 611, and 613 6th Avenue. On these plots a brick structure was erected and incorporated. At the same time, the word "Greater" was added. The church was renamed "The Greater Beulah Baptist Church, Inc." On May 3, 1959, the first service was held for the Greater Beulah Baptist Church, Inc. In 2020, Dr. C. Medley Hayes retired as pastor of Greater Beulah after 30 years of service. Dr. Maurice K. Mickles succeeded him as pastor.









The spiritual center of the Liberty District

First African Baptist Church

The initial congregation of this church was formed by slaves who had attended Ephesus Baptist Church (later First Baptist), since its organization on February 14, 1829. When a new church was built in 1840 the slaves worshipped in the older building. White ministers served the African Baptist Church until 1862 when Rev. Harry Watson became the first black minister. The church was granted a site at Eleventh Street and Sixth Avenue by the Georgia General Assembly but moved to its current location at a cost of \$75,000 in 1915. It was renamed First African Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Smith.









The First African Baptist Church Parsonage in Columbus, Georgia is a historic church parsonage at 911 5th Avenue. It is a one-story Victorian cottage with Eastlake trim that was built in 1915–16. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1980.

In 1916 it was the residence of Rev. J. Henry Smith, pastor of the First African Baptist Church. It was home of Rev. Jacob T. Brown in 1918 and was the home of Rev. Broadus H. Hogan in 1918. Both were pastors of the church.

It was listed on the National Register along with other historic properties identified in a large survey

Columbus

St James AME Church

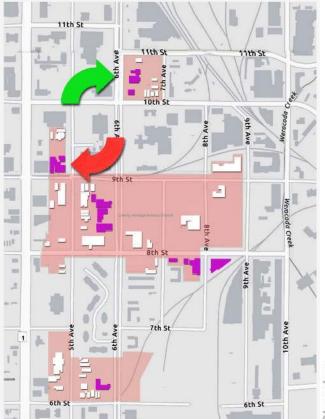




The property on which Saint James AME Church stands was given to the African Methodist Episcopal Church by an act of the Georgia Legislature in 1873. The present edifice, a cathedral in structure and design, was erected during the pastorate of the Reverend Wesley J. Gaines at a cost of \$20,000.00.

It was completed in 1876. The front doors, which came from the Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, are probably the oldest parts of the church. The heavy, ornately carved front doors were built by slaves at the Dudley Sash and Door Company located at Sixth Avenue and 13th Street. The bell tower was built while the Reverend Larry Thomas was pastor (1886-1887).





The spiritual center of the Liberty District

Friendship Baptist Church



Founded in 1892 at 4th Avenue and 6th Street, the church moved to its permanent home here in January of 1897. The first minister was Rev. J. S. Kelsey, who served the church from 1897-1901. The present building was completed under his leadership. It was enlarged and improved during the long ministry of Rev. R. K. Paschel, 1901-1944. A dream of Rev. Paschel was realized in 1950 with the completion of the educational annex named in his honor. Four other pastors served during the church's first century: A. W. Fortson, 1944-1968; W. H. Smith, 1968-1974; James H. Carter, 1974-1978; and Emmett S. Aniton, Jr., 1979-present.











Prince Hall Masonic Temple

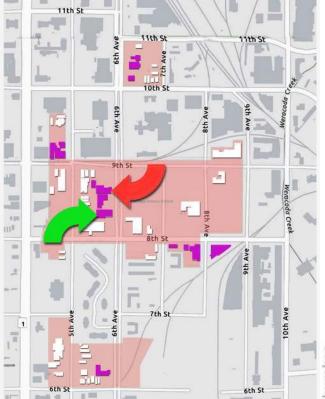




The Prince Hall Masonic Temple in Columbus is one of 18 sites that comprise the MLK Jr. Outdoor Learning Trail, a project that was developed by Columbus State University students. It was the site of a speech that Martin Luther King, Jr. gave to an audience of more than 1,000 people in 1958 during his inaugural year as president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). King's visit was part of the emerging SCLC efforts to register black voters and encourage nonviolence in preparation for the 1960 presidential election.

King visited Columbus following the murder of Dr. Thomas Brewer, a Columbus leader who helped organize and finance King v. Chapman, the landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that ended the white primary system in Georgia. Following the decision, Columbus blacks lived in constant fear of Klan bombings and cross burnings. The Prince Hall masons invited King so that the local black churches would not be subject to retaliation by local Klan activists.







The spiritual center of the Liberty District

Holsey Chapel CME Church



In 1884, a group of black citizens banded together to organize a church. They appealed to the Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, and obtained a lot on Eighth Street. The first church was completed in 1886 and called Everett Chapel after Newton Everett, one of the original founders and trustees. In 1894, the church was renamed Holsey Chapel, after Bishop Lucius H. Holsey, who played a vital role in the organization of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1915, Holsey Chapel was destroyed by a storm. A new building was completed in 1919, along with a parsonage. The current brick structure was built in 1946.







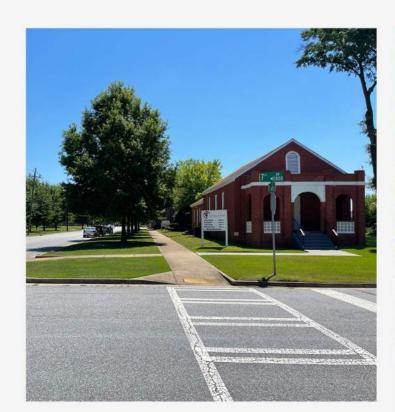


In 1888, Reverend P. W. Powell became pastor of Everett Chapel. When Everett Chapel was renamed Holsey Chapel in 1894, Revered C. T. Shatten served the congregation. Reverend Loyd McAfee was pastor from 1904 until 1919. Other pastors have included the Reverends Samuel Dunbar, Lewis Pearcey, Talton Cunningham, Needham Means, John Cochran, Edward Roberts, Frank Rowe and John Parham. Holsey Chapel experienced its greatest growth under the leadership of Edward D. Bryson, who was followed by L. P. Napier. Under the leadership of Reverend Allen Page, III, Holsey Chapel remains strong because of effective leadership and dedicated membership.

Total Man Ministries Church

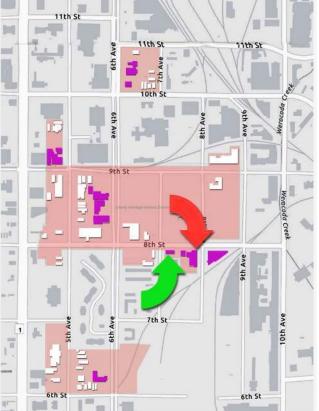


Pastor Mary Ann Norwood founded Total Man Ministries in 2004 to be a living example of Gods love to spiritually lost people in the Liberty District and geographical area.









Planning Goals

Encourage existing property owners to invest in renovations

Having a well-crafted master plan for the Liberty District can encourage property owners to invest in renovating their buildings by creating a supportive regulatory / zoning environment, offering financial incentives, improving infrastructure, and fostering a sense of community and pride in the neighborhood. The combination of these strategies can stimulate private investment and contribute to the overall revitalization of the Liberty District area.

Plan a complete neighborhood with a renovated Liberty Theater at its center.

There was a time when the Liberty District had many elements needed for a successful neighborhood - a plentiful housing stock in a location close to employment opportunities, schools, churches, a community meeting house, thriving businesses, entertainment and cultural venues, and access to public transportation. This master plan will provide a map for neighborhood renewal by staying true to the elements of the past that made the neighborhood a special and unique part of Columbus, Georgia.

Envision the success of the Ma Rainey House Museum

The Museum exists within the four walls of Ma Rainey's home. This plan envisions a way of expanding the telling of her story through new site elements - a blues garden and an intimate outdoor performance space, as well as collaborative exhibits and performances at the Liberty Theater.

Every neighborhood needs a great neighborhood park

A neighborhood park in the Liberty area can play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life in a community. It fosters physical and mental well-being, strengthens social bonds, and contributes to the overall attractiveness and vitality of the neighborhood. As such, investing in the creation and maintenance of neighborhood parks is often seen as a valuable community development strategy.

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Create a plan that will facilitate moving city-owned property from public to private initiatives.

This transfer could be to a single lot to a person interested in a home or duplex home, or to a developer who is interested in multiple lots and willing to work within the master plan intent to renew the Liberty neighborhood.

By following a structured and transparent process, the City can effectively move city-owned property within the Liberty District into private hands while ensuring that the transfer aligns with the city's goals, benefits the neighborhood, satisfies the city's investment costs and adheres to legal and regulatory requirements.

The resulting construction projects can demonstrate the power of Public-Private Partnerships in enabling seed projects of various sizes that can jump-start further private investments and initiatives that will help to renew the Liberty District.

Include a variety of housing types and sizes

A variety of housing types in the Liberty neighborhood creates a dynamic, inclusive, and adaptable community. It addresses the diverse needs and preferences of residents, supports economic vitality, enhances social cohesion, and contributes to a more sustainable and resilient urban environment.

A mix of housing types can include options like apartments, condos, townhouses, and single-family homes, catering to residents with varying budget constraints. This can help address housing affordability challenges within the community.

A Liberty District with various housing options can support residents at different stages of life. Seniors may choose to downsize to smaller homes or apartments, allowing them to remain in the same Liberty neighborhood - year after year.



Walkability

Approximate walking and biking times in the Liberty District and surroundings

In urban planning, walkability refers to the accessibility of amenities by foot, and is based on the idea that urban spaces should be more than just transport corridors designed for maximum vehicle throughput. Walkability is about creating neighborhoods where people can easily walk to services and amenities within a reasonable distance, typically defined as a walk of 30 minutes or less. Factors influencing walkability include the quality of paths, pavements, crossings, road design, lighting, building accessibility, and perceptions of safety.

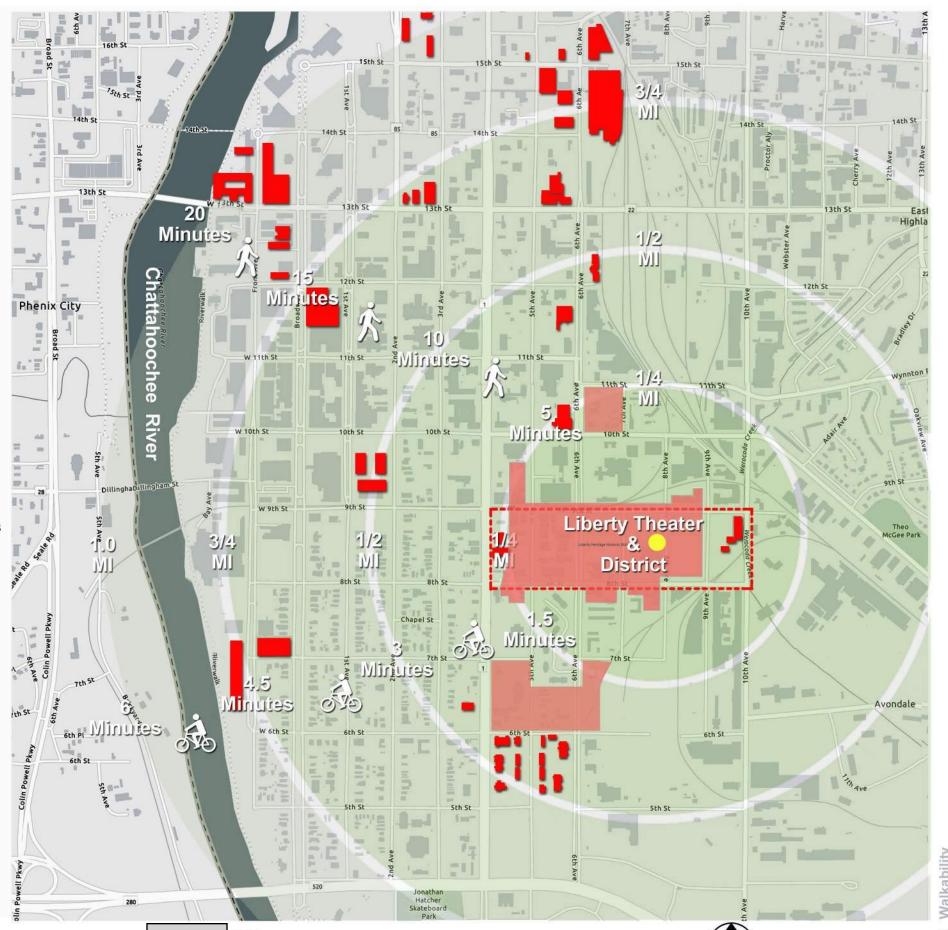
The Liberty District already has many advantages in developing a walkable neighborhood. Much of the infrastructure is already in place. When a major public works project a few years ago was undertaken to help with lessen the flooding issues in the neighborhood, Sixth Avenue was completely renovated in the Liberty District area with all new pedestrian and bike friendly intersections, underground utility lines, safe roadway lighting, and landscaped with trees to provide areas of shade adjacent to all new sidewalks along this important corridor.

In the three block area around the Liberty Theater, every street right-of-way is generously proportioned with sidewalks and mature trees giving shade to the area.

Residents of walkable neighborhoods can see a health benefit when taking advantage of increased walkability. The exercise is good for them, and can promote other advantages of a healthy lifestyle. Additionally, cities with good public transit and access to public amenities can promote happiness.

Walkable neighborhoods reduce reliance on cars, which helps lower CO2 emissions. A higher Walk Score in the Liberty District can increase property value as new developments are undertaken. Walkability fosters community interaction, combatting loneliness. People walking around town have more opportunities to engage with neighbors and participate in civic activities.

As the neighborhood begins to change, every project can contribute to a better walking environment within the neighborhood, and the city can plan to expand it's public infrastructure to connect the Liberty District to Uptown Columbus with innovative transportation options beyond the car.



1/2 Mile





Transportation

METRA Bus Routes

Metra bus routes are intended to connect larger areas of our community with a robust public transportation system, and the layout of existing bus routes will do just that for the Liberty District. Using a bus can help the city lower transport emissions, which will make Columbus a cleaner and healthier place. It will also contribute to less congestion by reducing the number of cars on the roadways.

Public transportation is generally more affordable than owning and maintaining a private car Many of the current and future residents of the Liberty District will fit the profile of a typical transit user - lower income residents, students, the elderly, and people with disabilities. The Liberty District can be the location for a large number of new housing units, many of them in higher density housing configurations. This residential potential will be attractive to many people who want to live and work in the Liberty District, while utilizing the retail, educational, entertainment and recreation aspects of the Uptown area.

Metra will have the opportunity to develop more short distance routes that can connect the Liberty District to Uptown Columbus and nearby areas of development such as the Midcity Yards, the Highside Market, and Riverfront Place among others.

The Liberty District can leverage this transit advantage to become the place to live where a world of opportunities are just a short ride away!

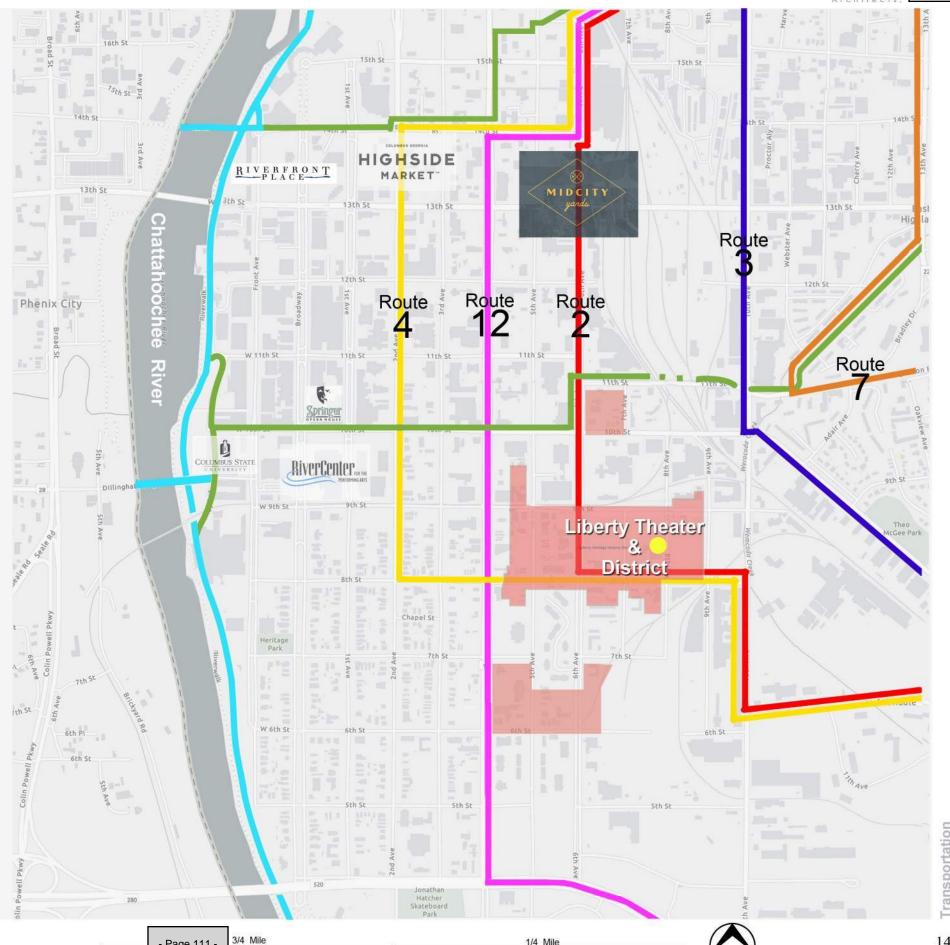
Dragonfly Trail

The Dragonfly Trail is network of bike and pedestrian walkways that connect the Uptown area to many other neighborhoods around the city. All of these paths lead directly to the Chattahoochee River, which is the center of outdoor recreation in Columbus.

The Dragonfly Trail is just a block away from the heart of the Liberty District, and the District is already connected to this trail by the sidewalks of the Sixth Avenue corridor.

Chattahoochee Riverwalk

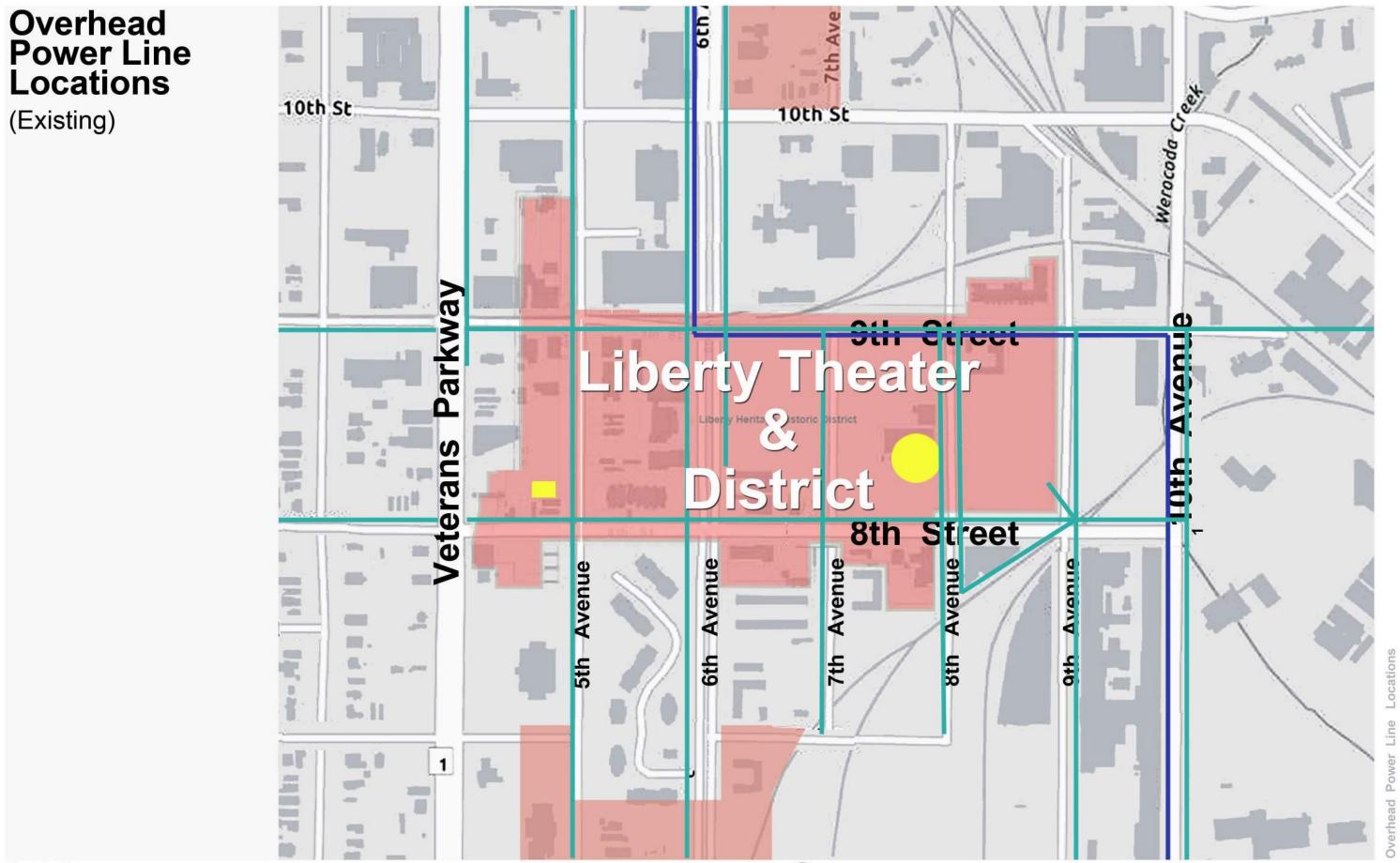
The Chattahoochee Riverwalk has now been two decades in its creation, and offers the residents of the Liberty District with a wonderful pedestrian and bicycling venue for their families. It is a linear park that spans 14 miles along this beautiful waterfront.



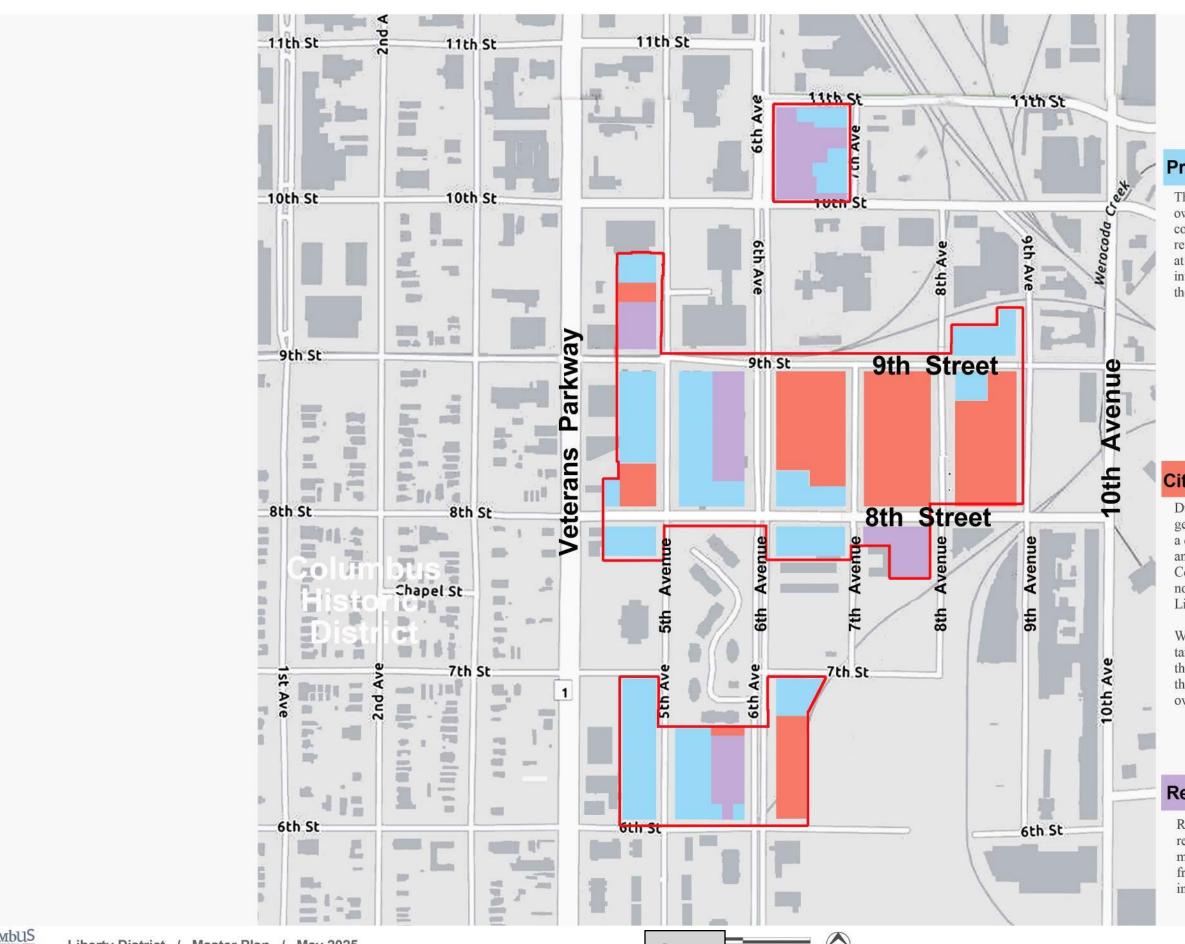




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Property Ownership

Within the Liberty District

Private

The steady decrease of private property ownership in the Liberty District has contributed to a decrease in property tax revenues for the City. This has occurred at the same time that significant infrastructure investments have been made in reducing the Liberty areas subject to flooding.

City of Columbus

Due to a variety of factors such as general disinvestment in the Liberty area, a decline in upkeep of private property, and an increase in rental properties, the City of Columbus issued "demolition by neglect" notices on a significant number of Liberty District properties over the years.

When owners cease to pay their property taxes, property ownership transfers to the City of Columbus. This has resulted in the City becoming the largest property owner in the Liberty District.

Religious

Religious property ownership has remained relatively constant over the decades. Since most religious organizations are exempt from taxation, the City receives no tax income from these properties.

Ownership



Building Occupancy

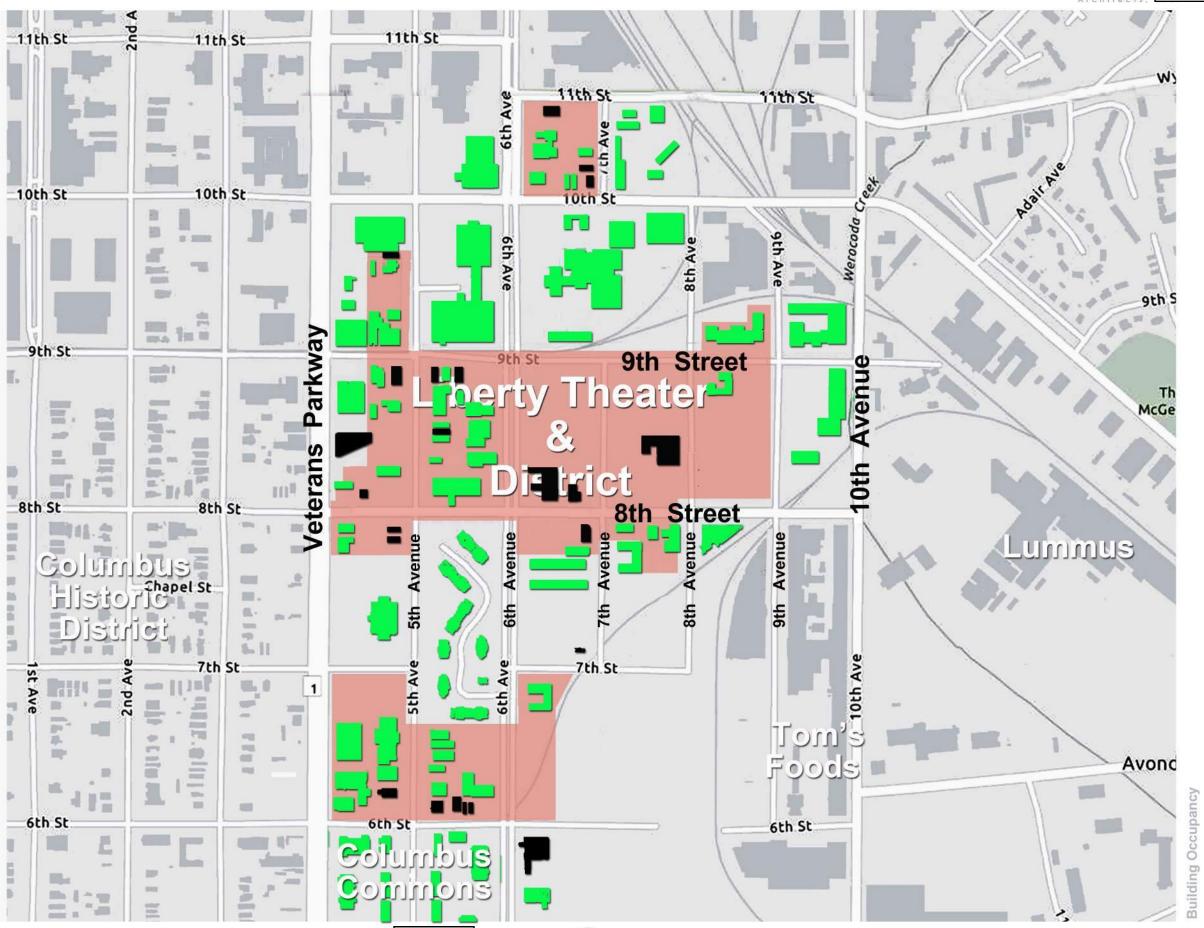
Observations

The Liberty District is home to a wide variety of building types and condition, from historic churches built in the early 1800's to new housing developments at Columbus Commons.

Tom's Foods and Lummus properties are currently under-utilized but may be considered for significant developments in the future as the Liberty District continues to attract investment by the City the Columbus Housing Authority, and developers within the community.

Legend

- Existing structures outside of study area
- Liberty Historic District
- Building vacant or under-utilized
- Building Occupied





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Flood Hazard Zones

Within the Liberty District

1% Annual Chance Flood Hazard

A Flood Hazard Zone refers to an area that faces a significant risk of flooding. These zones are identified on Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs), which communities use to understand flood risk and take necessary precautions.

The 1% annual flood, also known as the base flood, has a 1% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. It represents the flood level with the highest likelihood of occurrence. In other words, it's the flood that has a 1 in 100 chance of happening each year. This is often referred to as a 100-year flood.

0.2 % Annual Chance Flood Hazard

A 0.2% annual chance flood, also known as the 500-year flood, has a 0.2% chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year. In other words, it's the flood event that occurs approximately once every 500 years.

Liberty District Limits

An eastern portion of the Liberty District lies within the Weracoba Creek watershed area.



Building Uses

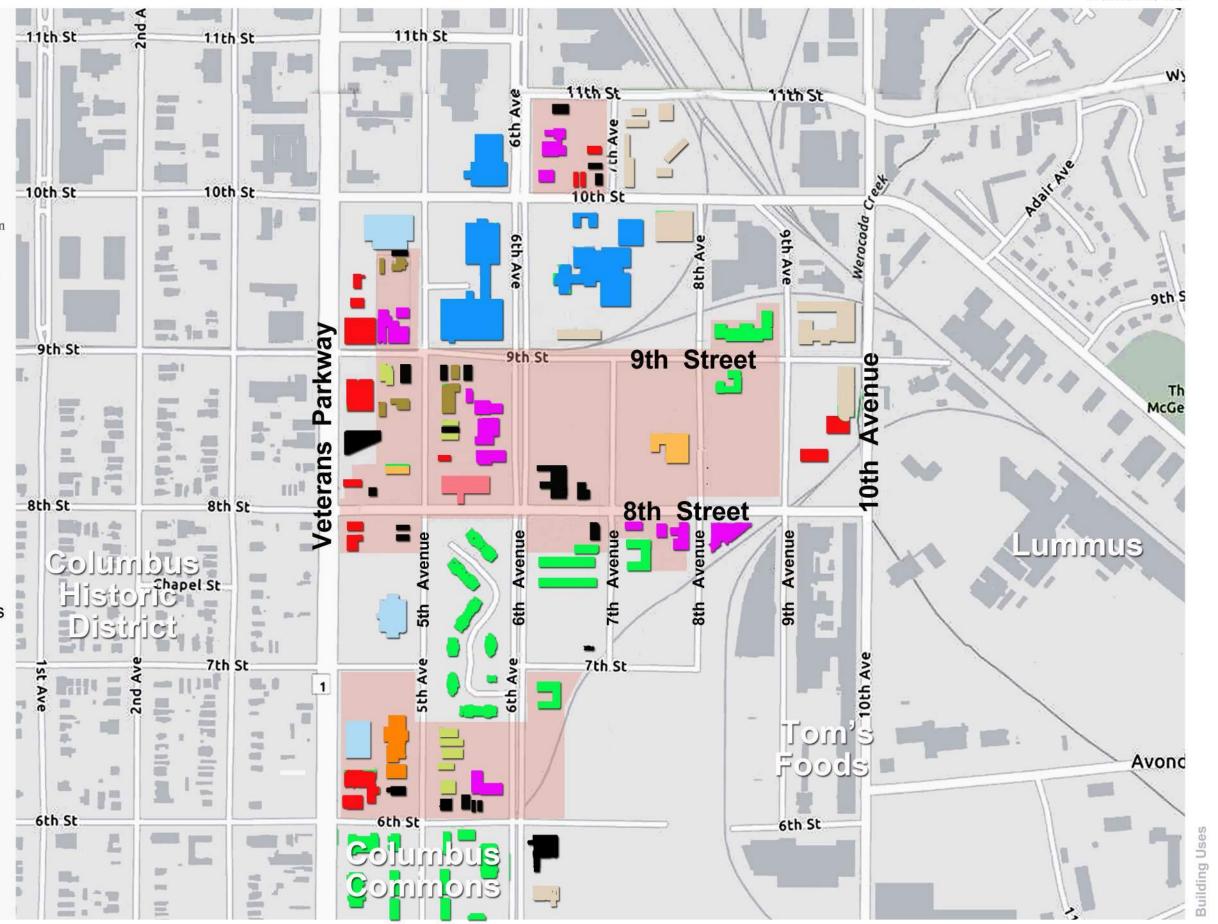
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The Liberty District, once a vital and thriving center of black life and culture in Columbus, has seen it's status as a functioning neighborhood diminish with every passing year. Many of the businesses that once located here, examples of black entrepreneurship, have left the neighborhood and a majority of the housing stock has fallen into disrepair and been demolished.

What remains as a bridge from past to present are the buildings that have survived in the Liberty neighborhood and anchor it today - the Liberty Theater, the churches, the Muscogee County Jail, and the Mildred Terry Library among many others.

Legend

- Existing structures outside of study area
- Liberty Historic District
- Building vacant or under-utilized
- Day Care
- Religious
- Law Enforcement / Corrections
- Commercial
- Funeral Services
- Warehouse / Industrial
- Civic / Government
- Residential Single Family
- Residential Multi-Family
- Offices
- Entertainment



Zoning 2024

SFR 4 Single Family Residential 4

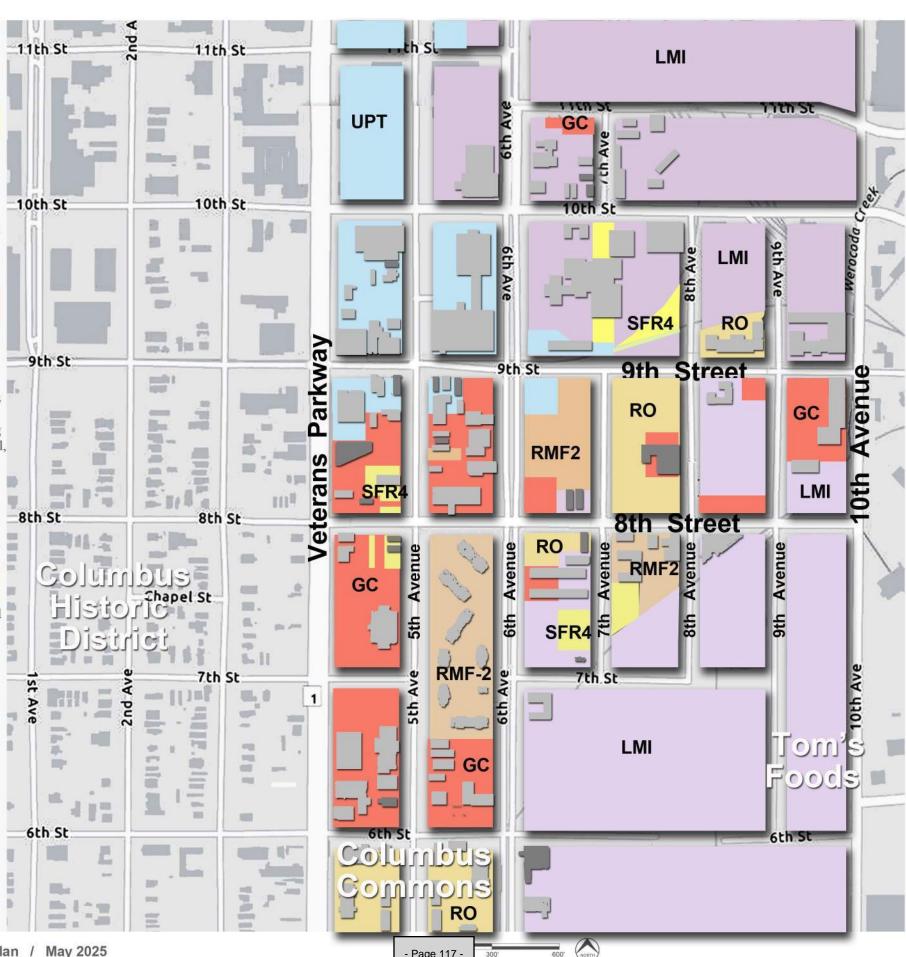
The SFR4 zoning district provides a higher density residential zoning district while protecting residential character by prohibiting commercial uses; allowing uses that enhance residential areas, such as places of worship, elementary and secondary schools, and parks; and establishing property development regulations that preserve open space.

RMF 2 Residential Multi-Family 2

The RMF2 zoning district provides a high density residential zoning district that allows only multifamily dwelling types and maintains an overall residential character by allowing a limited number of commercial uses such as assisted, retirement or personal care facilities, and bed and breakfast inns; allowing secondary uses within offices, and institutional, prohibiting other commercial uses; allowing uses that enhance residential areas, such as places of worship, elementary and secondary schools, and parks; and establishing property development regulations that are consistent with higher density residential concentrations.

RO Residential Office

The residential/office (R/O) district is intended to accommodate a mix of multifamily residential buildings and office space that architecturally reflect the historic character of this area.



UPT Uptown

The purpose of UPT zoning is to provide a mixed use zoning district that provides for both high intensity commercialand high density residential uses in an area that is adjacent and complementary to the CRD zoning district. The UPT zoning district is intended to be applied in areas that are:

- 1. Located in an area where high density and intensity development is encouraged;
- 2. Located adjacent to the CRD zoning district; and
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GC General Commercial

A general commercial zoning district is a type of zoning that allows for a wide range of commercial and service activities, especially along major roads and in central business areas. Some of the benefits of a general commercial zoning district are that it provides attractive and efficient retail shopping and personal service uses for customers and residents.

It also allows for more intense types of commercial establishments that may not be suitable for other types of commercial zoning, such as gas stations, fast food restaurants, car washes, new and used car lots, or movie theaters.

LMILight Manufacturing / Industrial

Light manufacturing industries are usually less capital-intensive than heavy industries and are more consumer-oriented than business-oriented, as they typically produce smaller consumer goods. Most light industry products are produced for end-users rather than as intermediates for use by other industries. Light industry facilities typically have a less environmental impact than those associated with heavy industry.

Zoning Proposed

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Public Finance Options

Enterprise Zone

The Columbus Business Development Center, the city's Enterprise Zone, was established to revitalize the area's residential neighborhoods, while creating and retaining jobs for its residents. Business and residential developments, which plan to invest in this area, are given special state and local tax incentives as well as other possible fee exemptions

The following businesses and service enterprise developments may qualify for location within the Columbus Business Development Center:

Business Enterprise
Retail
Manufacturing
Warehouse and Distribution
Processing
Telecommunications Tourism
Research and Development
New Residential Construction
Residential Rehabilitation

Historic Columbus Foundation Rehabilitation Loan Program

The Historic Columbus Rehabilitation Loan Program provides rehabilitation funds for historic commercial or residential structures. Rehabilitation loan funds may be used to make repairs or improvements on the interior or exterior of qualifying properties.

Loans will be made up to a maximum of \$100,000.00 with payment terms varying based on project and loan recipient underwriting.

Loan underwriting and servicing provided by NeighborWorks Columbus

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Liberty / 6th Avenue Tax Allocation District (TAD)

Tax Allocation Districts (TAD) are established for the purpose of catalyzing investment by financing certain redevelopment activities in underdeveloped or blighted areas using public dollars.

Redevelopment costs are financed through the pledge of future incremental increases in property taxes generated by the resulting new development. Typically, upon creation, TADs have vacant commercial and residential properties, blighted conditions and numerous vacant buildings or are in need of significant environmental remediation.

The 1985 Georgia Redevelopment Powers Law gave additional powers to local municipalities in order to facilitate the redevelopment of blighted or economically depressed areas. One of the powers granted to local governments is the ability to issue tax allocation bonds to finance infrastructure and other redevelopment costs within a tax allocation district.

Federal Opportunity Zone

The entire Liberty District is within the boundaries of the Federal Opportunity Zone.

Opportunity Zones are an economic development tool that allows people to invest in distressed areas in the United States. Their purpose is to spur economic growth and job creation in low-income communities while providing tax benefits to investors.

Opportunity Zones were created under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Thousands of low-income communities in all 50 states, are designated as Qualified Opportunity Zones.

The Pines - 808 9th Street



Legacy Terrace - 906 9th Street





















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Public Safety Building







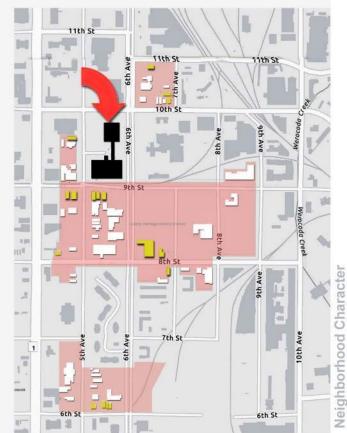












Muscogee County Jail

















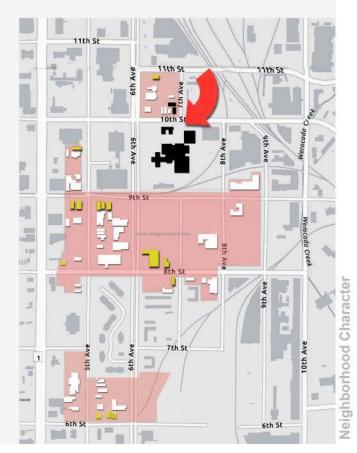














1/4 Mile



Liberty Garden TownHomes - 629 6th Avenue



School Renovation - 627 5th Avenue













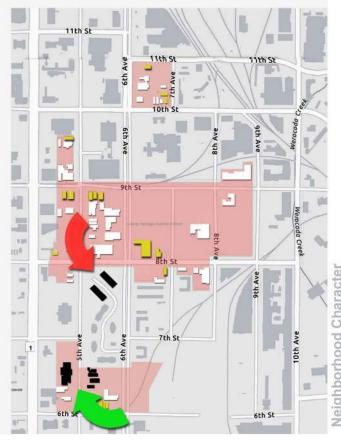














1/4 Mile

Tom Huston Peanuts



In 1925, the Tom Huston Peanut Company began operating in Columbus, and was an immediate business success. The company was bought several times over the past century, most recently in 2018 by the Campbell Soup Company. The company has plans to eventually close the entire plant, and has begun to lease some buildings as warehouse and office space. The future of this complex of buildings just south of the Liberty District has yet to be determined.









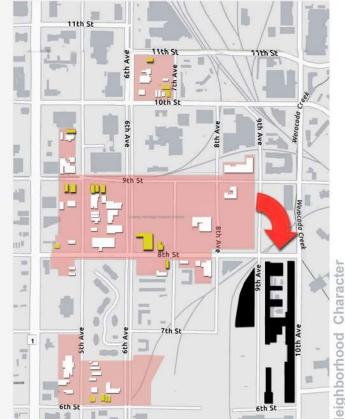












Columbus Commons

Columbus Commons is a relatively new multifamily housing complex that provides 106 units in an urban setting that also offers new landscaping mixed with the mature trees that were saved as part of the project. With the success of Phase One, the Columbus Housing Authority is now in the planning stages for Phase Two which will extend the mulitfamily housing mix south to Victory Drive.





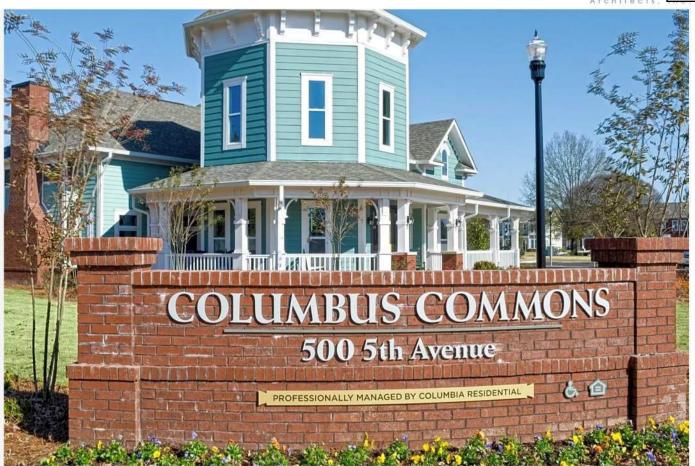






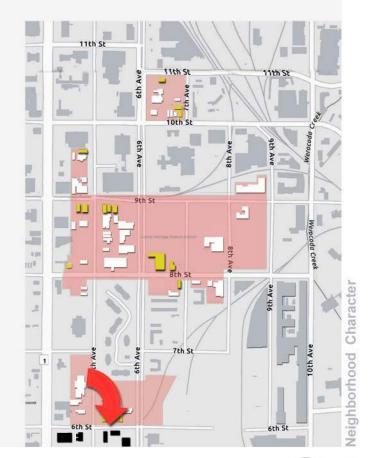


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The Liberty Theater

One of the most notable landmarks in the Liberty District is the Liberty Theatre, which was built in 1924 as the first and only theater for African Americans in Columbus. The theater hosted local and national performers, such as Ma Rainey, Cab Calloway, Duke Ellington, and Bessie Smith, and served as a cultural hub for the community. The theater also screened movies and hosted community events, such as graduations, weddings, and civic meetings.

The theater was closed in 1974 due to urban renewal and decay, but was restored and reopened in 1992 as a cultural center that offers educational programs, art exhibits, and live performances.





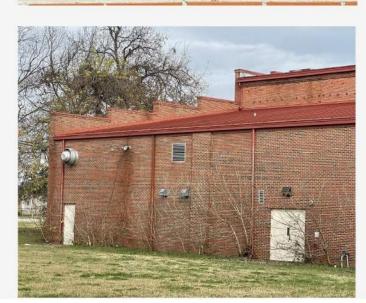
















The Ma Rainey House and Museum

Gertrude Pridgett "Ma" Rainey, famed "Mother of the Blues", lived in this house after 1935 during retirement in her native city. In 1904 she introduced blues as part of her traveling act. For 30 years, her performances contributed to the growing popularity of this truly American musical art form. A pioneer female recording artist, she made 94 blues records for Paramount before 1928.

While this neighborhood was once filled with one and two story simple frame houses such as this, most have been demolished.











Opportunity Site Locations

Observations

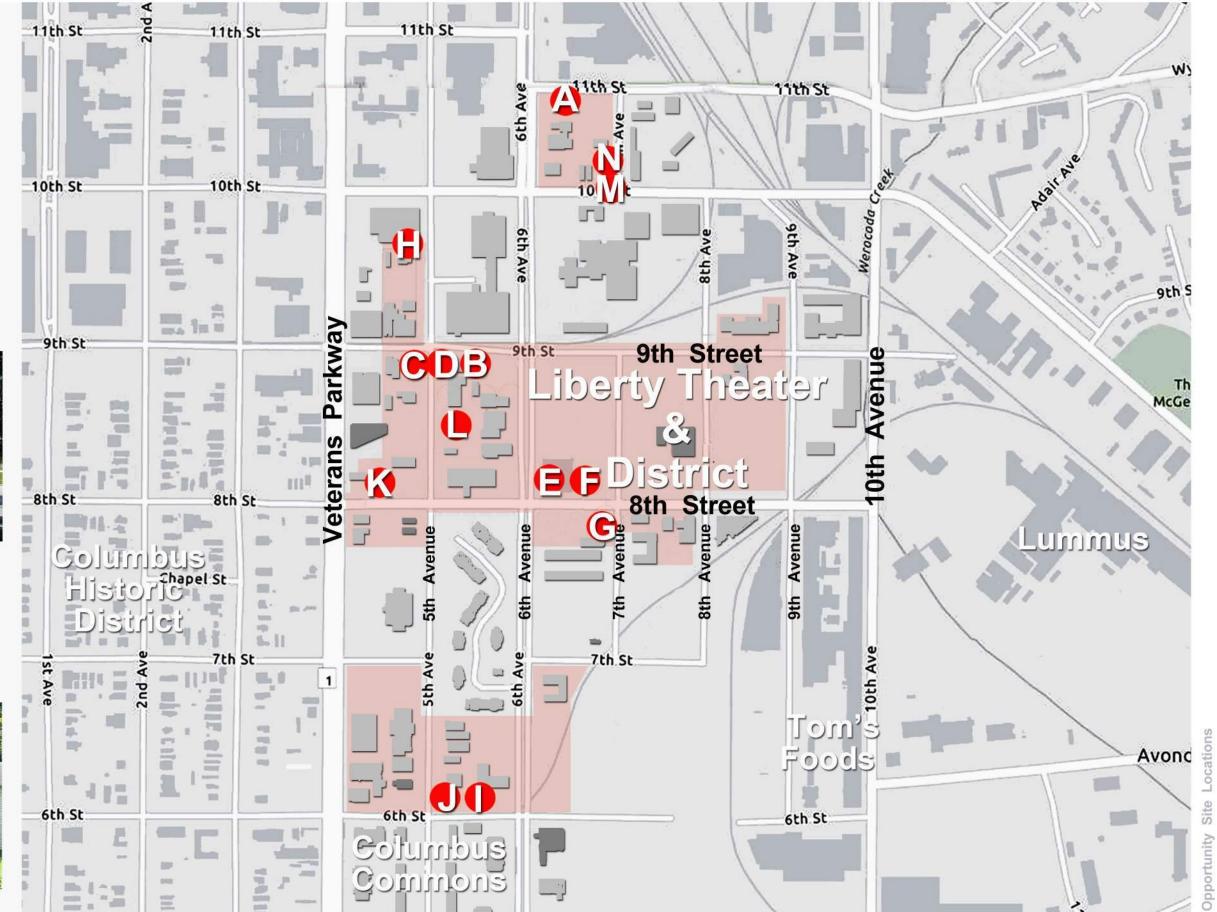
For the purposes of this master plan, an "Opportunity Site" is an existing building that is privately owned and is in need of repair to various extents. These buildings should be on the front line of efforts to salvage the remaining building stock that provide a vital link to the stories of the Liberty community.

They establish the materials and details of the original neighborhood, which is important in setting the standard for any new development to meet.



The Liberty District and individual property owners should coordinate with the Historic Columbus Foundation in pursuing low interest construction loans or grants that are available for use in preserving and redeveloping this neighborhood.





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424 9th Street



500 & 506 9th Street









Lot Area: 10,890 SF Building footprint: 3,700 SF Building GSF: 11,100 SF Current Zoning: UPT

Site Data

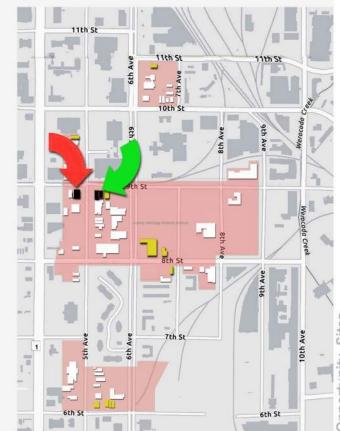














800 6th Avenue



615 8th Street















Site Data

Lot Area: 21,780 SF Building footprint: 13,380 SF Building GSF: 13,380 SF Current Zoning: GC



Site Data

Lot Area: 7,405 SF Building footprint: 2,483 SF Building GSF: 2,483 SF LMI Current Zoning:







800 6th Avenue



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511, 515, 517 6th Street



600 5th Avenue











Lot Area: 9103SF Building footprint: 3459 SF Building GSF: 3459 SF Current Zoning: R3







Site Data

Lot Area: 8802SF Building footprint: 2525 SF 2525 SF Building GSF: Current Zoning: GC









511, 515, 517 6th Street



600 5th Avenue









Site Data

Lot Area: 9103SF
Building footprint: 3459 SF
Building GSF: 3459 SF
Current Zoning: R3







Site Data

Lot Area: 8802SF
Building footprint: 2525 SF
Building GSF: 2525 SF
Current Zoning: GC







698 8th Street



931 5th Avenue











Lot Area: 33,323 SF Building footprint: 1,280 SF Building GSF: 2,560 SF Current Zoning: RO



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Site Data

Lot Area: 5,400 SF 2,014 SF Building footprint: 4,028 SF Building GSF: Current Zoning: UPT







411 8th Street



824 5th Avenue















Site Data

Lot Area: 5035SF Building footprint: 1287 SF Building GSF: 1287 SF Current Zoning: GC



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Lot Area: 7389SF Building footprint: 1032 SF Building GSF: 1032 SF Current Zoning: GC





1003 7th Avenue



1007 7th Avenue





Site Data

Lot Area: 2602SF

Building footprint: 1285 SF

Building GSF: 1285 SF

Current Zoning: LMI





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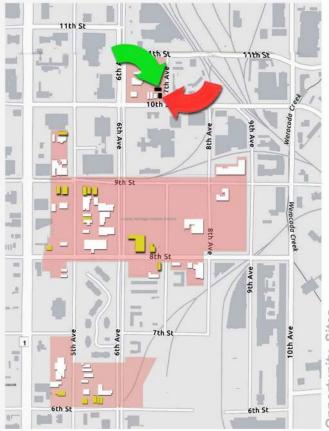
Lot Area: 6278SF

Building footprint: 1341 SF

Building GSF: 1341 SF

Current Zoning: LMI







600 8th Street







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Gateway Locations

Observations

The Liberty District is in need of new imagery and branding. Installation of a gateway element will let visitors know that they have arrived at a special place. The gateway should have imagery, color and texture that bring to mind the character and history of this special neighborhood.

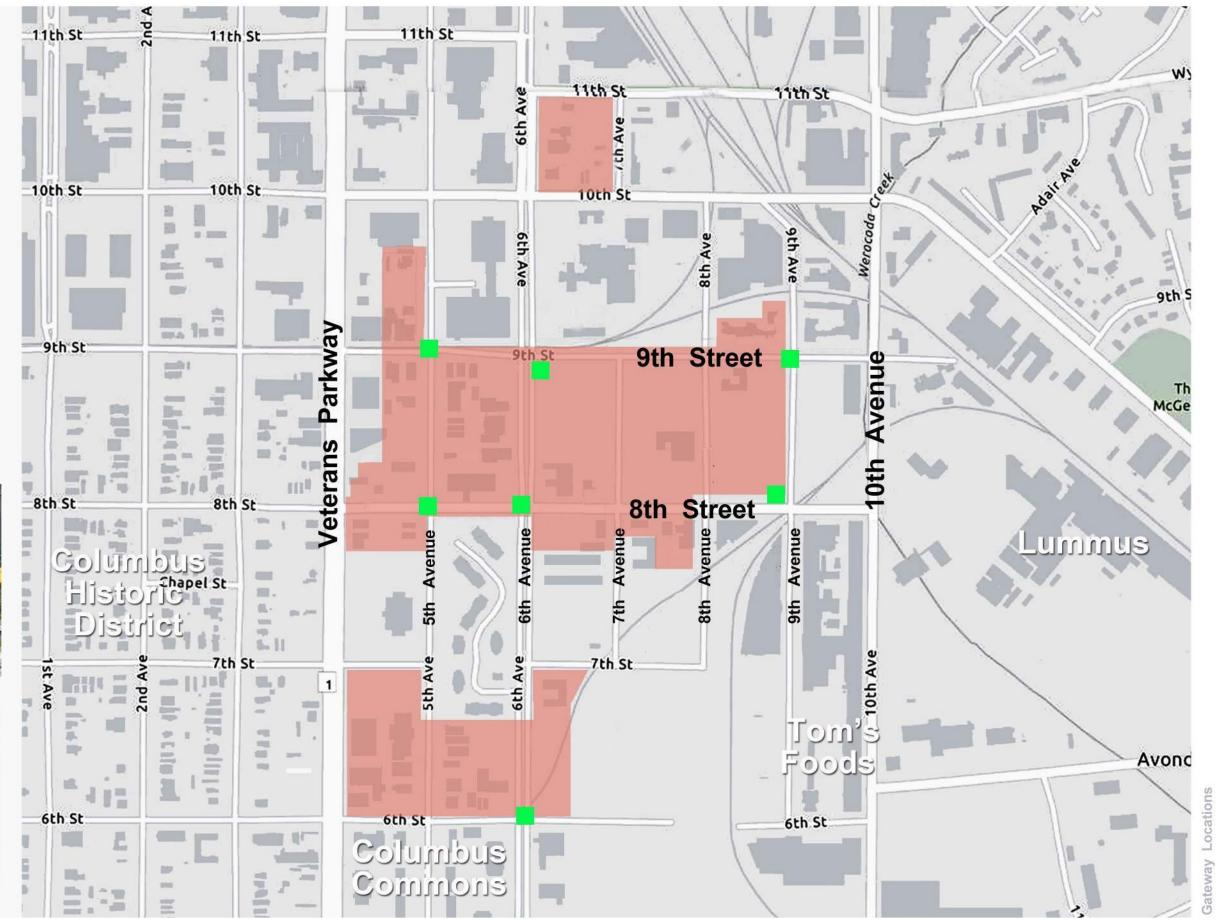
The Uptown area has a comprhensive signage design, and this should be a point of review and coordination for any updated design effort.

Legend

Potential location of Gateway element







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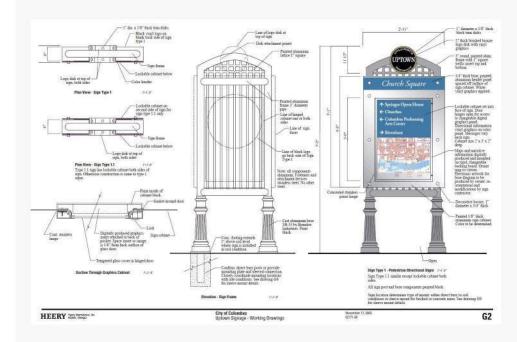


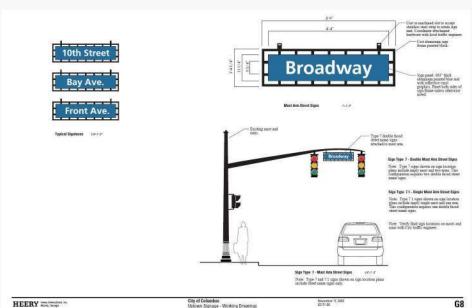
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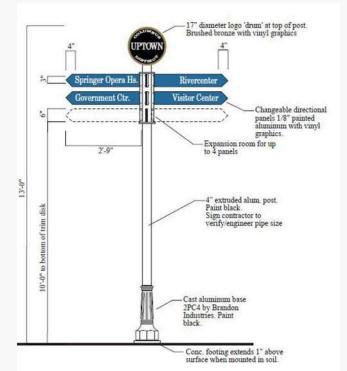
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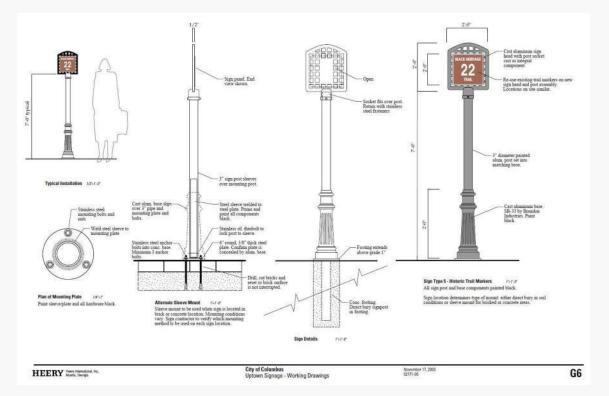
Signage needs to be approached in a comprehensive way to be effective in delivering a message of "you have arrived".

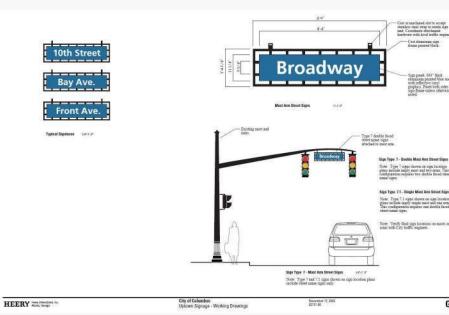
This is a sampling of the signage design involved in creating the place we call Uptown.













Signage & Branding



Missing Middle Housing
Renewing a neighborhood while resisting gentrification

A variety of housing types will benefit the future Liberty neighborhood

"Missing middle housing" refers to a range of housing types that fall between single-family homes and large apartment buildings, such as duplexes, triplexes, townhouses, and small apartment buildings. These neighborhoods can become inviting and walkable places, located in proximity to both jobs and the cultural heart of the city. Strengthening a historically black neighborhood such as the Liberty, in decline through decades of disinvestment, can begin with the introduction of missing middle housing.

- 1. Affordability: Missing middle housing typically offers a more affordable option for residents compared to single-family homes or large apartment complexes. This can make it easier for existing residents to remain in the neighborhood, preventing displacement due to rising housing costs. Additionally, it can attract new residents who are looking for more affordable housing options.
- 2. Diverse Housing Options: Historically black neighborhoods may have limited housing options due to decades of neglect and disinvestment. Introducing missing middle housing can diversify the housing stock, accommodating different household sizes and income levels. This can make the neighborhood more inclusive and vibrant.
- 3. Community Stabilization: As affordable housing options increase, more families may choose to invest in these neighborhoods, stabilizing the community. Stable communities are more likely to have engaged residents who are invested in the well-being and improvement of the neighborhood.
- 4. Economic Opportunities: The construction and renovation of missing middle housing can stimulate economic development in the area. It creates jobs and encourages local businesses to flourish, contributing to the overall revitalization of the neighborhood.
- 5. Preservation of Historic Character: Missing middle housing can be designed to blend with the historic architecture and character of the neighborhood. This allows for the preservation of the cultural heritage of historically black neighborhoods while still accommodating new development.
- 6. Density and Walkability: These housing types often promote higher population density, which can support local businesses and public transit. Walkable neighborhoods with mixed housing types can reduce the reliance on cars, making it easier for residents to access the amenities and services that the entire Uptown Columbus area has to offer.
- 7. Community Engagement: The process of planning and implementing missing middle housing can provide opportunities for community input and engagement. Engaging citizens in the decision-making process can ensure that development aligns with their needs and desires.
- 8. Investment Attraction: The introduction of missing middle housing can signal to investors and developers that the neighborhood is undergoing positive changes. This can attract private and public investment in infrastructure, parks, and other essential services.
- 9. Social Equity: By addressing housing affordability and promoting economic opportunities, missing middle housing can contribute to greater social equity within historically black neighborhoods. It can help rectify past injustices and create a more equitable future for the citizens of Columbus.

Strong and financially resilient communities are comprised of a variety of housing types. Not just single-family detached homes on one end of the spectrum and huge apartment complexes on the other, but a wide range of "middle housing" options in-between: duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes, courtyard cottages, bungalow apartments, and more. Yet these middle housing types—so familiar to our grandparents and great-grandparents—are rarely built

Dan Parolek of Opticos Design coined the term "missing middle housing" in 2011 to describe middle housing options that are in high-demand (across all age groups) but getting harder and harder to find.

All too often, the market isn't supplying these housing options. The Liberty neighborhood has the oppotunity to lead the city in providing attractive housing options that are increasingly hard to find in Columbus.





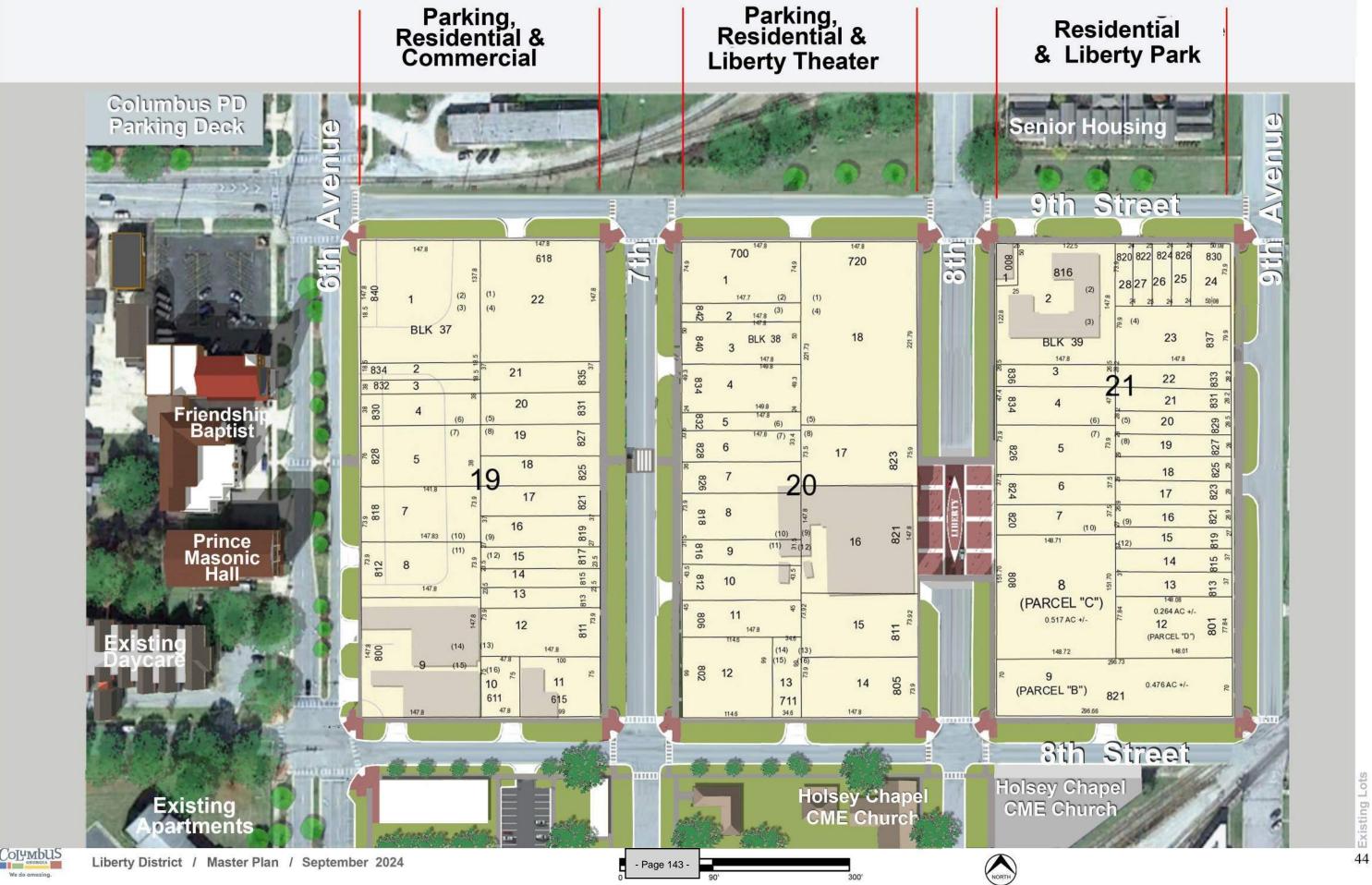


Project Gateway Design











Missing Middle Housing Renewing a neighborhood while resisting gentrification

Strategies to preserve the Liberty neighborhood and culture

Resisting gentrification in historically black neighborhoods is a complex and challenging process that involves various strategies and community efforts. Gentrification typically refers to the transformation of a neighborhood through the influx of wealthier residents and businesses, often resulting in the displacement of long-term, lower-income residents, and a loss of the neighborhood's cultural and historical identity. Historically black neighborhoods are often particularly vulnerable to gentrification due to their cultural significance and often more affordable housing.

Community Organizing: Building a strong sense of community and organizing residents is crucial. Encourage open discussions, meetings, and forums where residents can voice their concerns, share ideas, and plan collective actions.

Affordable Housing Initiatives: Advocate for policies and programs that promote affordable housing options, such as inclusionary zoning, rent control, or community land trusts. These measures can help ensure that long-term residents can continue to afford to live in the neighborhood.

Preservation of Historic and Cultural Assets: Seek official recognition and protection for historically significant landmarks, buildings, and cultural assets in the neighborhood. This can help preserve the neighborhood's identity and history.

Community Land Trusts: Establish community land trusts to collectively own and manage land in the neighborhood. This can provide a level of control over development and prevent land from being sold to developers who may not have the community's interests at heart.

Local Business Support: Promote and support local businesses, especially those owned by residents of the neighborhood. Encourage entrepreneurship and economic development within the community.

Zoning and Land Use Policies: Advocate for zoning regulations and land use policies that prioritize community interests and prevent unchecked development. Work with local government officials to ensure these policies are in place.

Tenant Protections: Push for stronger tenant protections, such as eviction prevention measures and just-cause eviction laws, to safeguard renters from being displaced.

Community Benefits Agreements: Negotiate with developers to secure community benefits agreements that ensure the neighborhood receives investments, services, and amenities in exchange for new developments.

Public Awareness and Education: Raise awareness about the impacts of gentrification through community education initiatives. Engage with the broader public and media to garner support for your cause.

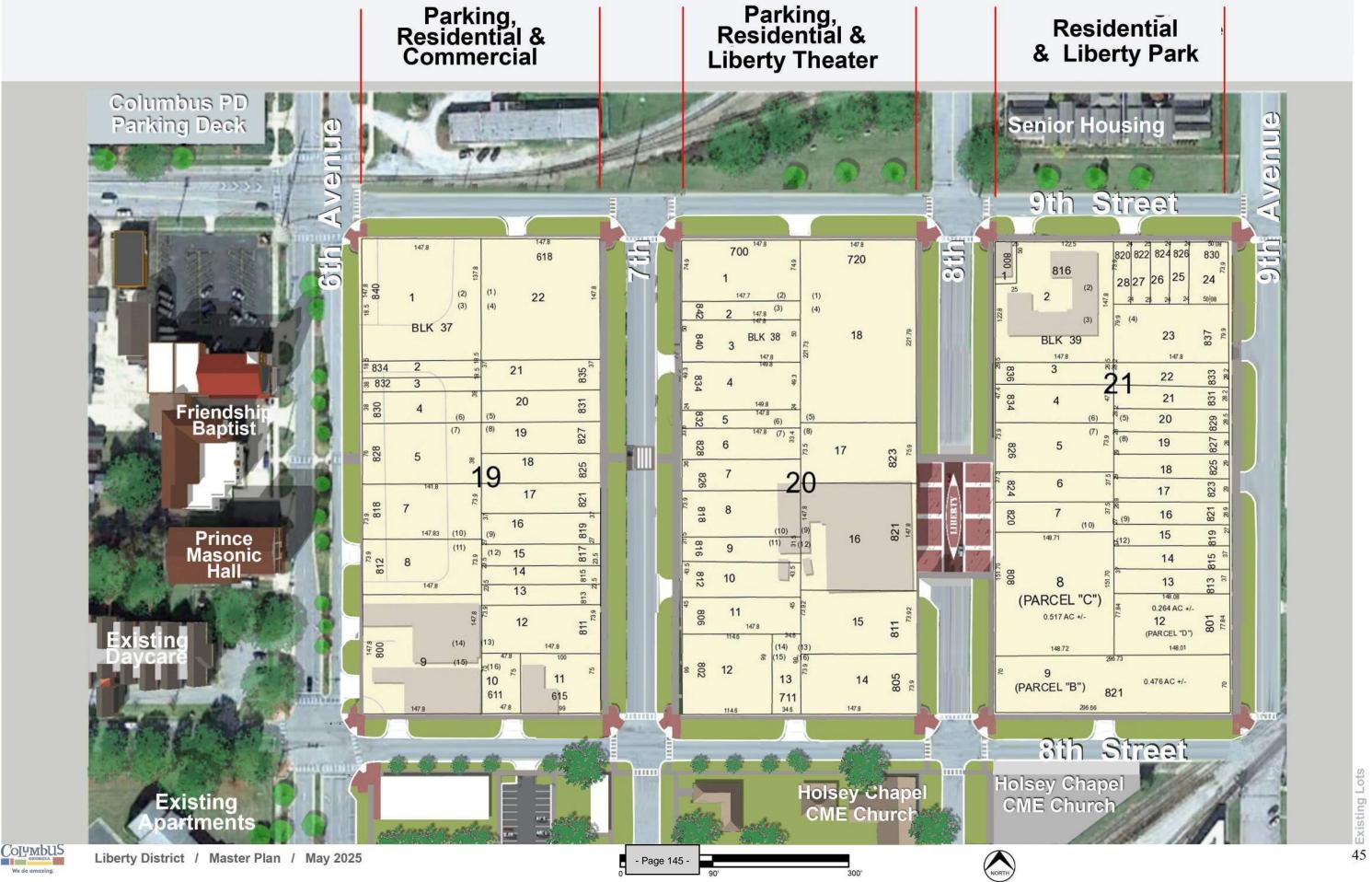
Legal Assistance: Provide legal support and resources to residents facing eviction or other legal challenges related to gentrification. Legal aid organizations can be valuable partners in this effort.

Cultural Celebrations and Events: Organize events and activities that celebrate the neighborhood's culture and history. This can help instill a sense of pride and belonging among residents.

Collaboration and Alliances: Seek alliances with other community groups, activists, and organizations that share similar goals. Strength in numbers can be a powerful force for change.

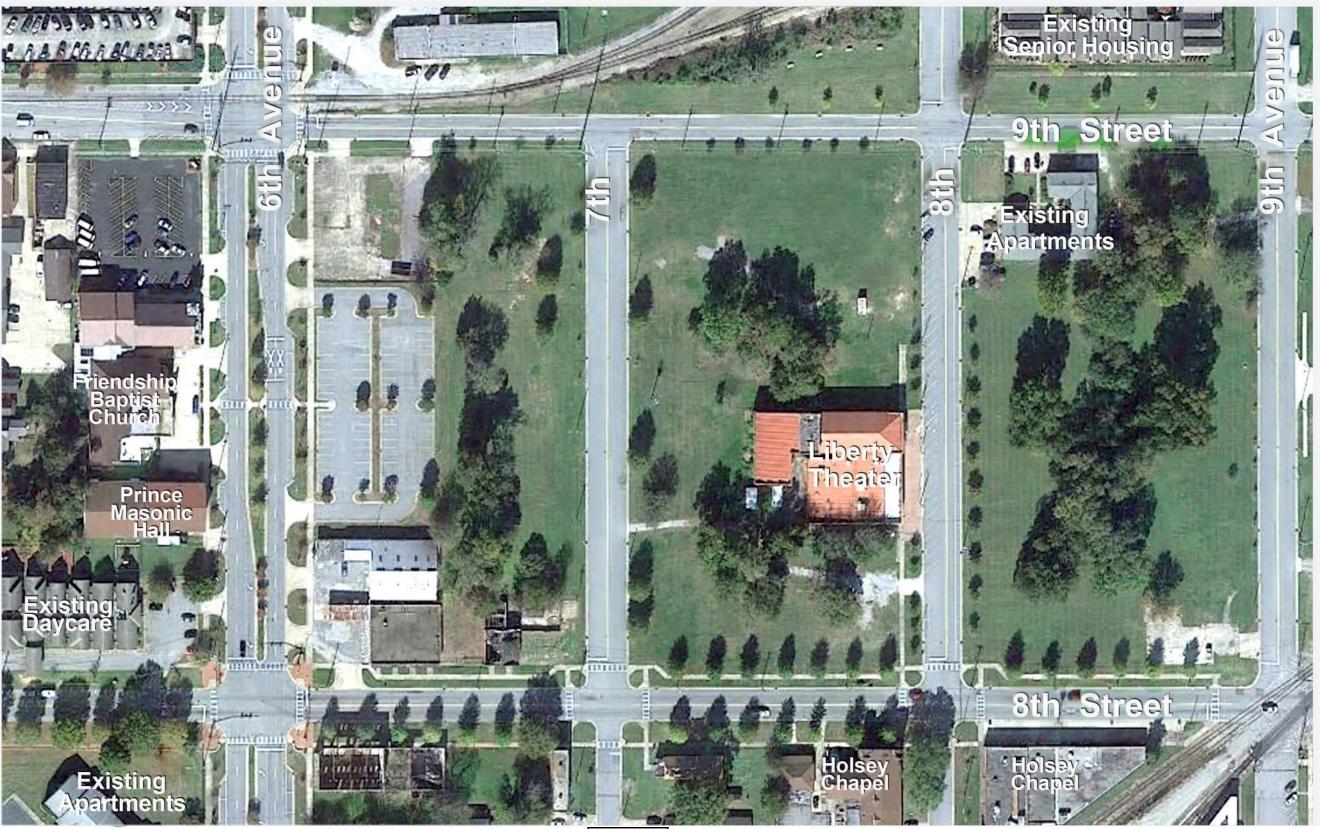


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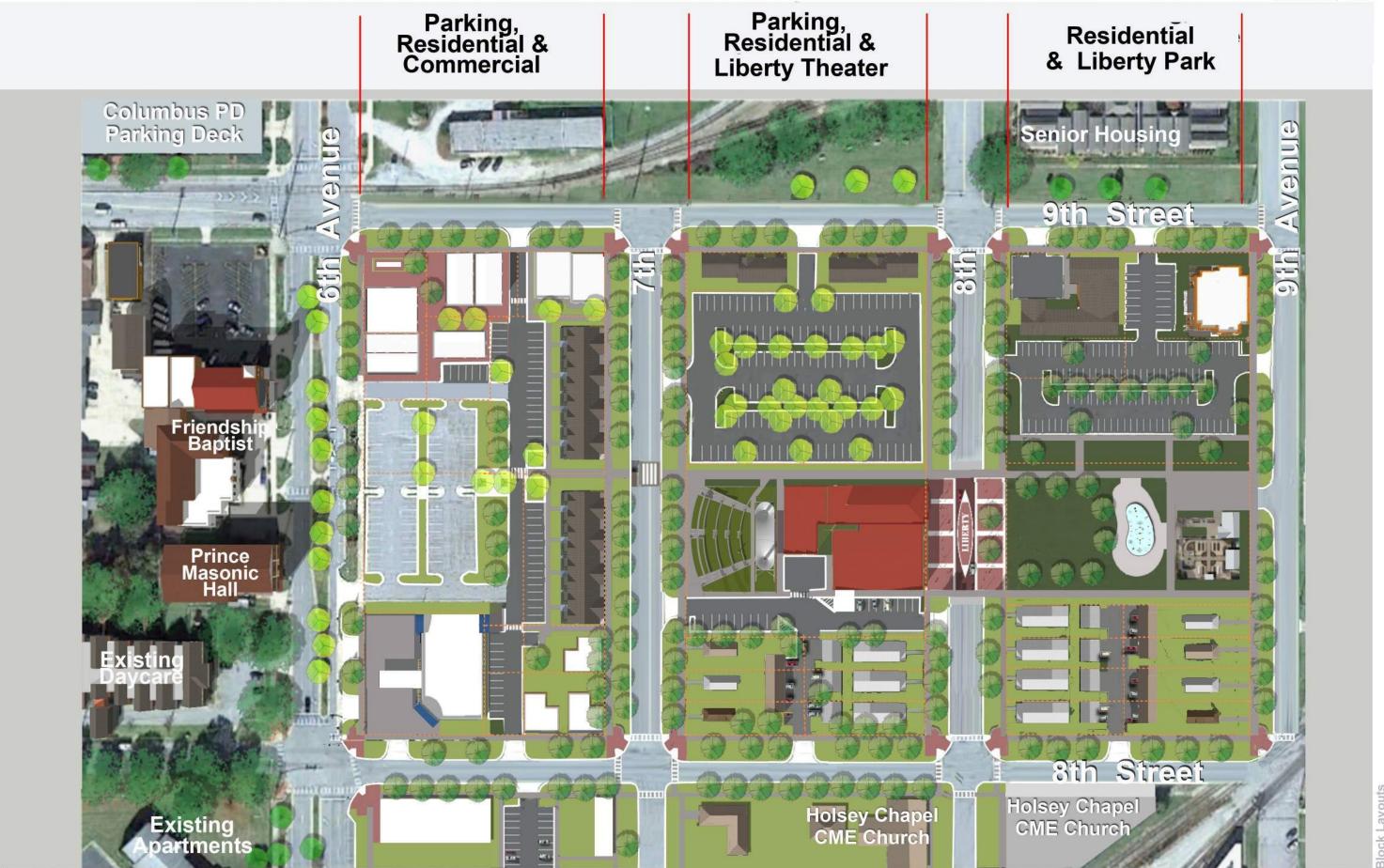




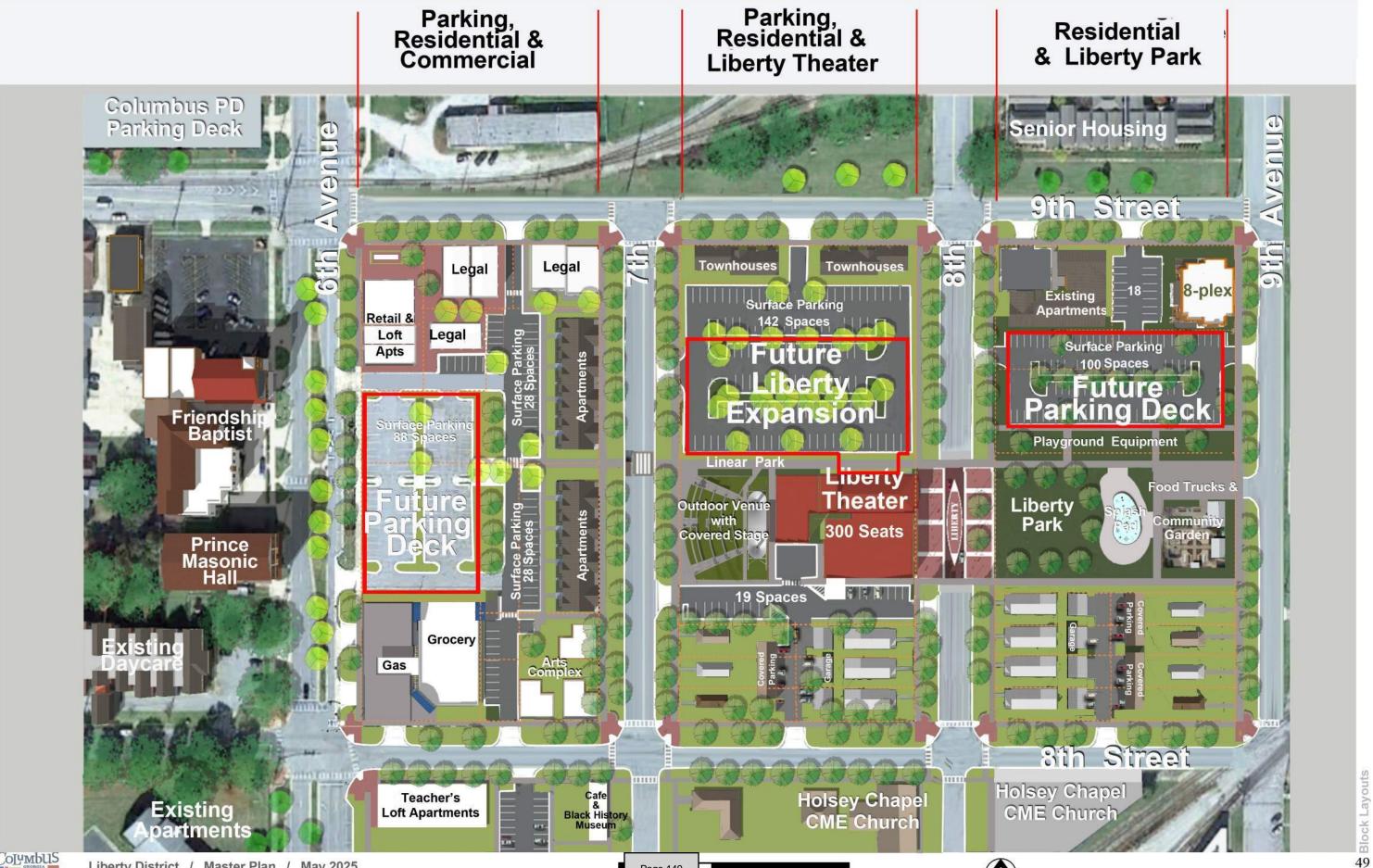




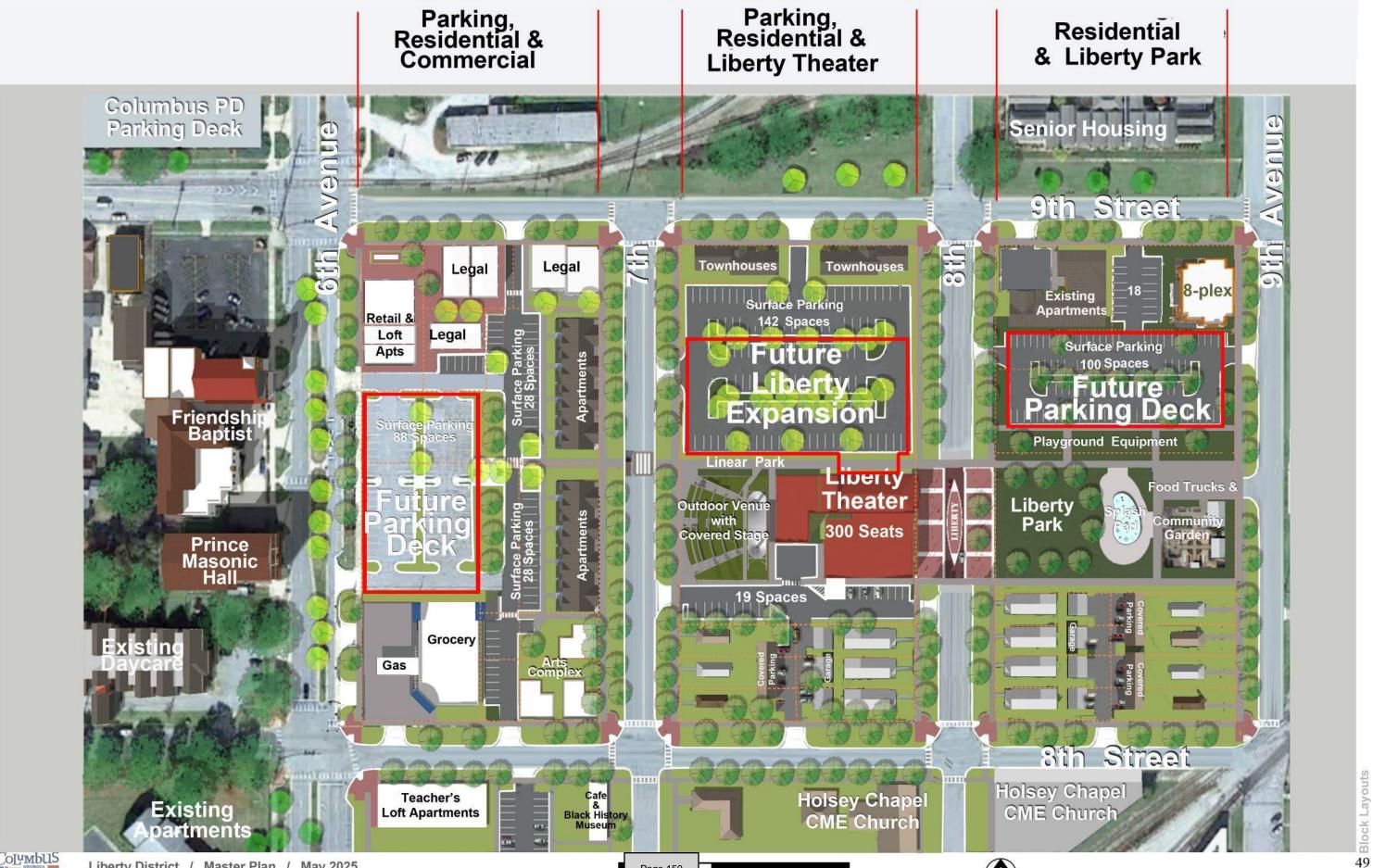
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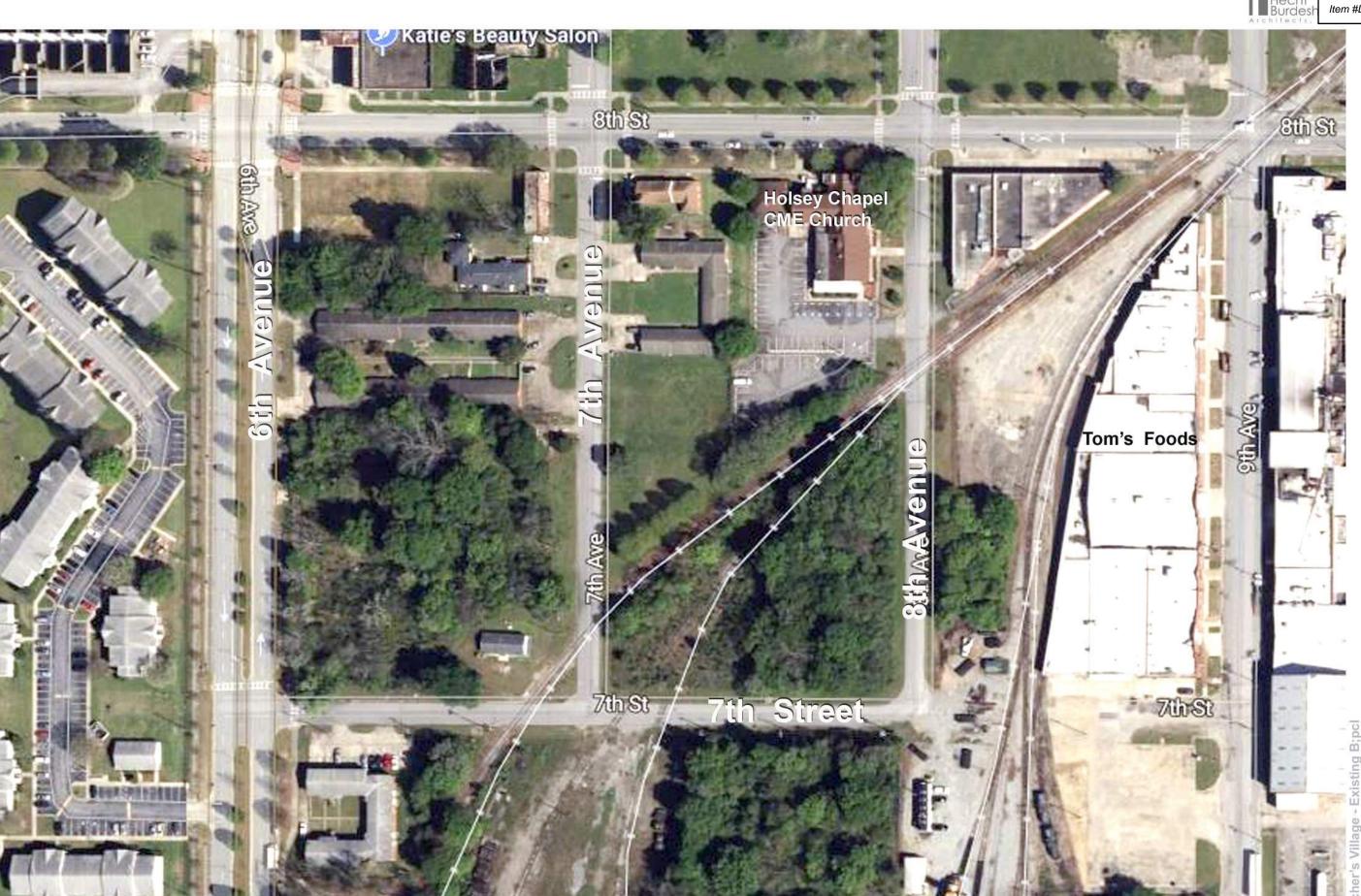
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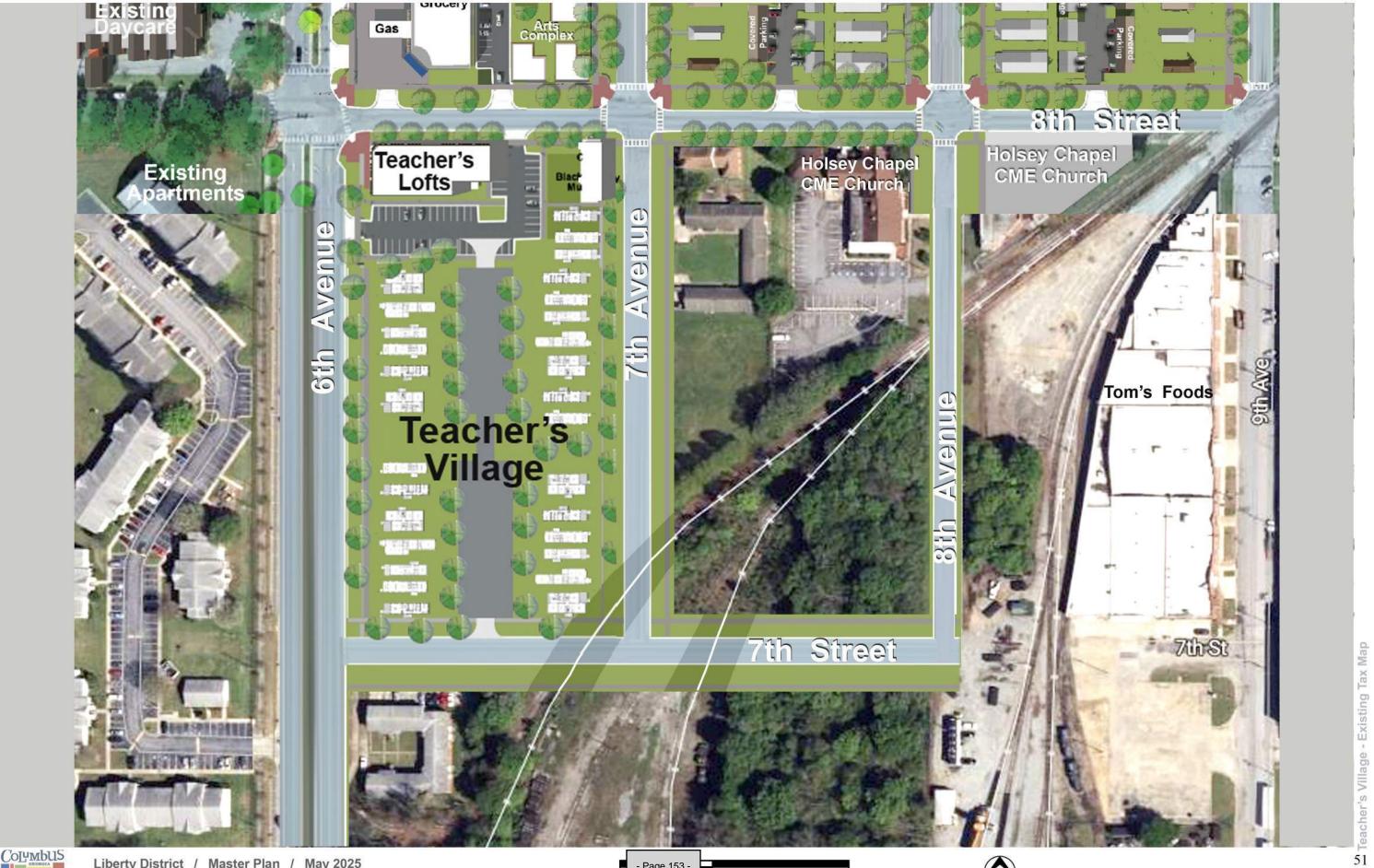


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Project Gateway Design







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E. Career Ladder Positions – Reather Hollowell, Director, Human Resources

File Attachments for Item:



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Career
Ladders

CCG Pay Plan

Item #F.

CCG Pay Plan

- CCG Compensation and Classification Study Implemented 01/07/2023
- Pay Plan Maintenance
- Career Ladders

Item #E.

• Regular Review/Market
Study

- Longevity Pay
- Career LadderIncentives
- Certification
 Incentives
- Degree Incentives
- Pay for Performance
- Cost of LivingAdjustment (COLA)

Pay Plan Maintena nce

Pay Plan Ordinance No. 22-045

SECTON 15

Operational procedure for Multi-level Qualifications and Career ladder positions-Public safety and general government positions assigned multiple levels by the Pay Plan, to provide salary differentials for different levels of qualifications shall be administered by the following general rules:

- (a) Clear measurable criteria will be used to determine qualification for each advanced level. Where the criteria were not specified in the Pay Plan, departments will develop appropriate standards to be approved by the City Manager.
- (b) Employees that qualify for advancement in pay grade will receive the salary obtained by advancing the current salary in the current grade six steps and placed into the new grade at the nearest salary. Or, the employee will be placed at the minimum step for the new position and grade, whichever is greater.
- (c) Initial placement of employees in multi-level positions will be as specified by the Pay Plan or based upon their assigned position on the Implementation Date. A department head may request changes in recommended levels with appropriate justification and approval of the City Manager.
- (d) This procedure only applies to positions in the pay plan designated with a numbered footnote and multi-level description. Positions assigned a "tag" number and having a separate job description are promotional positions and not part of a career ladder, even if the title is numbered or contains the word "senior" in the title. Employees may only advance to promotional positions by successfully competing for an authorized vacant position."

Career
Ladders
Pay Plan
Ordinance

Career Ladder Procedure



- 1. Establish clear, measurable criteria for each advanced level.
- 2. Advance employee's current salary by six steps (6%), or the minimum step for the new grade, whichever is greater.
- 3. Department Heads may request changes in recommended level with justification and approval.

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Item #E.

Career Ladder Positions

Career ladder positions - 75

Career ladder positions with 2 levels - 57

Career ladder positions with 3 levels - 10

Career ladder positions with 4 levels - 4

Career ladder positions with certification - 3

Career ladder positions without certification - 1

Ladder Position (Example

City Manager	CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER TECHNICIAN	113 ³
City Manager	CITIZEN SERVICE CENTER TECHNICIAN II	114
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Clerk of Superior Court Clerk of Superior Court	DEPUTY CLERK II	113 115
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Ladder Position (Example

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Inspections & Codes	CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER	120 ¹
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Codes Inspections &	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR	1201
Codes	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR II	121
Inspections & Codes	ELECTRICAL INSPECTOR III	122
District		
Attorney District	INVESTIGATOR	1202
Attorney District	SENIOR INVESTGTR	121
Attorney	INVESTIGATOR SUPERVISOR	124
Elections &		
Registration	ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN	115 ³
Elections &		117
Registration	ELECTIONS TECHNICIAN II	117
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Engineering	GIS TECHNICIAN II	119

Ladder Position (Example

MCP	COUNSELOR	1202	Item #E.
MCP	SENIOR COUNSELOR	121	
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Parks And Recreation Parks And	PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER I	1142	
Recreation	PARK MAINTENANCE WORKER II	115	
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Police	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TECH I	116 ⁴	
Police	EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION TECH II		
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Police	III	118 ³	
Public Works	FLEET MAINTENANCE TECH I	116 ²	
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"You were born to win, but to be a winner, you must plan to win, prepare to win, and expect to win

--Zig Ziglar

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Department
Columbus Consolidated

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Government

File Attachments for Item:

DATE: May 27, 2025

TO: Mayor and Councilors

FROM: Finance Department

SUBJECT: Advertised Bids/RFPs/RFQs

June 6, 2025

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1. Resolution excusing Councilor Bruce Huff from the May 13, 2025 Council Meeting.

File Attachments for Item:

	RESOLUTION	
	NO	
A Resolution excusing Cou	ncilors absence.	
THE COUNCIL OF COLU	MBUS, GEORG	IA, HEREBY RESOLVES:
		Columbus, Georgia, Councilor Bruce acil Meeting of May 13, 2025 for the
Personal Business:		
on the 27 th day of May, 2025 a of members of said Council.	nd adopted at sa	id meeting by the affirmative vote
Councilor Allen	voting	
Councilor Anker	voting	
Councilor Chambers		
Councilor Cogle	voting	
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Councilor Davis	voting	
Councilor Garrett	voting	
Councilor Hickey	voting	
Councilor Huff	voting	
Councilor Tucker	voting	
Lindsey G. McLemore		B. H. "Skip" Henderson, III
Clerk of Council		Mayor
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Form revised ll-1-79, Approved by Council ll-6-79

File Attachments for Item:
2. Email correspondence from Jennifer Lamb resigning from her seat on the Historic & Architectural Review Board.

From: Jennifer Lamb <

Sent: Monday, May 12, 2025 1:21 PM

To: Claire M Mitchell < Mitchell.Claire@columbusga.org>;

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Re: BHAR

Mollie & Claire,

I am writing to formally resign from my position as a member of the Board of Historic and Architectural Review (BHAR), effective after the May board meeting.

It has been a privilege to serve on the BHAR and contribute to the preservation and thoughtful development of our community's historic and architectural assets. I am proud of the work we've accomplished together and remain confident in the board's continued dedication to its mission.

This decision was not made lightly, but due to personal commitments, I believe it is the right time for me to step down.

I would like to recommend Debbie Young as my replacement. She is an active member of the Columbus Board of Realtors, a historic district resident and is very informed of BHAR's guidelines and mission.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve. I wish the board continued success and am grateful for the experience

Jen

File Attachments for Item:

3. Email correspondence from Dr. Michael Forte resigning from his seat on the Personnel
Review Board.

From: Forte Michael R <

Sent: Wednesday, May 21, 2025 2:02 PM

To: Reather D Hollowell < Hollowell.Reather@columbusga.org **Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Resignation from Personnel Review Board

Dr. Michael R. Forte



Personnel Review Board Columbus Consolidated Government Columbus, Georgia

Dear Mrs. Reather Hollowell,

It is with a deep sense of gratitude and respect that I submit my resignation from the Personnel Review Board of the Columbus Consolidated Government, effective immediately.

Serving on this board for the past nine years has truly been an enlightening and honorable experience. I am proud to have contributed to the mission of ensuring fairness and integrity in service to the citizens of Columbus, Georgia. The knowledge and relationships gained during this time have been invaluable.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to Mrs. Hollowell for her unwavering kindness and support throughout my tenure. Her guidance has been instrumental, and I am truly thankful.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve. I wish the board continued success in its important work.

With respect,

Dr. Michael R. Forte

File Attachments for Item:

4. Minutes of the following boards:

457 Deferred Compensation Plan Board, 02.06.25

Board of Children and Family Services, 04.30.25

Board of Elections and Registration, 04.03.25

Board of Tax Assessors, #16-25

Board of Water Commissioners, 03.10.25

Board of Zoning Appeals 04.02.25

Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia, 03.25.25

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board, 02.10.25

New Horizons Behavioral Health Board, 03.10.25



Columbus Consolidated Government

457 Deferred Compensation Plan Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 6, 2025

ATTENDEES	P	A	ATTENDEES	P	A
Steven Hord	X		Drale Short	X	
Rhonda Davis	X		Angelica Alexander,	X	
			Ex-Officio		
			Reather Hollowell,	X	
			Ex-Officio		

Others Present:

Consultant: Jeff Kutcha, Mariner Consultant (Virtual)

Julie Copelan, Darryl Knox, Krista Hill, Chris Bone, Corebridge Consultants

Lucy Sheftall, Assistant City Attorney, Cynthia Holliman, Sheila Risper, Destiny Chisolm, CCG

Meeting was called to order at 10:00AM

October 17, 2024, meeting minutes approved. The committee would like to discuss the nomination of vice chair.

Corebridge presented an update on financial wellness and employee engagement update. The committee had a question on how Corebridge makes sure employees don't over contribute. At the end of every year, Corebridge receives a contribution management review that monitors the employee contribution.

CCG group would like to discuss the current plan offered to employees and would like to discuss other options at the next meeting related to the Secure 2.0 Act.

Mariner presented quarterly report and update on Vanguard U.S. growth. Employees who have not listed a beneficiary should be contacted. HR and Corebridge will continue to work on this.

Respectfully submitted,
Destiny Chisolm
HR Administrative Assistant







Muscogee County Division of Family and Children Services Board Meeting Minutes

Date: April 30, 2025

Location: 2100 Comer Avenue, Columbus GA 31902

Time: 4:30pm

Call to Order

The Muscogee County Georgia Division of Family and Children Services Board Meeting was held on <u>April 30, 2025</u>, at the Muscogee County DFCS office.

Attendees/Participants

Rev. Johnny Flakes, Mrs. Gwendolyn McIntosh, and Dr. Chandler Padget participated in the meeting.

Members – Jennifer Melvin and Darlene Porter were not in attendance.

Georgia Division of Family and Children Services staff in attendance were Muscogee County Director Tonika Wadley and Vashon Scruggs, Administrative Assistant.

Review/Approval of minutes from last meeting(s) All details of the January 2025 Board meeting were provided to each Board member via email prior to the meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

New Business

- Mrs. Wadley stated April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. The agency had an Ice Cream Social Event on Friday, April, 11, 2025 for the Child Protective Services, Foster Care, and OFI staff to bring awareness on the different signs of child abuse. On April 4, 2025, Columbus Police completed a drug training with staff, where they talked about what some drugs looked and how children are effected by parental drug use.
- Mrs. Wadley shared that the Department of Human Services will be onboarding 6 new Child Welfare Services Case Managers for the month of May. Three staff will be in the Child Protective Services unit and three will be in the Foster Care unit.
- Mrs. Wadley informed the board members that June is National Reunification Month, where
 she would like to primarily focus on the fathers that have been able to reunify with their
 children from the foster care system. Mrs. Wadley spoke to the board members about how
 she would like to plan a summer festive barbecue for the National Reunification Month to
 honor families. More details will be forthcoming.
- Mrs. Wadley stated funds for the Energy Assistance program have been exhausted for the
 fiscal year. More funds will be allocated next fiscal year. A request for county funds for the
 next fiscal year has been made.

- Mrs. Wadley informed the board members of the funding needed for staff
 t-shirts. The amount needed is \$1209.94. The board members that were present, Gwen
 Mcintosh, Dr. Chandler Padgett, and Rev. Johnny Flakes gave their approval for funding of
 the staff t-shirts.
- In closing Mrs. Wadley informed the board members that all future Board meetings will be held in person, per the County Commissioner.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Next Board meeting will be July 23rd at 4:30 at the Muscogee County DFCS office.

Janka Wadley Board County Secretary Tonika Wadley Director Muscogee County DFCS

Jennifer D. B. Melvin Board Chairperson Jennifer Melvin

Muscogee County DFCS

Board of Elections and Registrations



Post Office Box 1340 Columbus, Georgia 31902-1340 "Georgia's First Consolidated Government" (706) 653-4392 Item #4.

Uhland "U.D." Roberts, Chair Linda Parker, Vice-Chair Edwin Roldan Diane Scrimpshire Annette Williams

Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration April 3, 2025 Minutes

The monthly meeting for the Muscogee County Board of Elections and Registration was held Thursday, April 3^{rd.} Chairperson Uhland Roberts called the meeting to order at 2p.m. All board members were present.

Board Comments:

- The following legislation passed in the 2025 session:
- HB296
- SB214
- HB397
- SB199

Agenda Request: N/A Approval of Minutes:

 Annette Williams seconded Edwin Roldan's motion to approve February board meeting minutes with no changes.

New Business:

- Voter Registration Report- Diane Scrimpshire seconded Annette Williams' motion for the Board to accept the 23 obituary deaths for the month of March.
- Voter List Maintenance The Secretary of State notified counties that approximately 450,000 will be removed by the state from the voter list.
- Memorandum of Understanding- The Director provided a draft copy of the proposed
 precinct memorandum of understanding for the board to review and suggest changes. The
 Board was asked to provide input with the final copy approved by the City Attorney and
 Council of Columbus, GA.

Old Business:

- Precinct Relocations
 - Moon- North Highland- Morningside Baptist Church
 - Col. Tech- Beallwood Baptist Church
 - Cunningham- Ambassadors of Christ
- June Special Primary: One early voting location will be the City Services Center at 3111 Citizens Way May 27th- June 13th hours are 7am to 7pm weekdays and weekend days of Saturday and Sunday 9am to 5pm.
- FY26 Budget: The FY26 budget has been submitted and one meeting has been held with the City Manager and budget staff. The Mayor will present the proposed budget to Council at a later day. The status of the FY26 budget request has not been received to date.

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Board of Elections and Registrations

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Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items: N/A

Correspondence: N/A

No further business Chair, Uhland Roberts, adjourned the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, U. A., Reherts

Uhland Roberts

Chairperson

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING As of

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) defines the re	lationship between the Muscogee County Board of
Elections (hereinafter, the Board) and the owner of	(hereinafter, the Owner) with respect to and
for the purpose of allowing the Board to each use property	of the Owner to serve as a precinct location during
for voting on various specified election days.	

The facilities on Owner's property listed on Attachment I to this MOU will be made available by Owner to the Board for the purposes of setting up and using such facilities as a polling place on each of the dates AND HOURS specified on that attachment.

This MOU does not give the Board either party a property interest in the use of Owner's facility/property other than on the dates specified on Attachment 1.

The parties to this agreement agree to the following:

- A. Obligations of Owner- For each date and time covered in Attachment I., Owner shall ensure that the facilities are available in good condition and that all utilities and amenities are in working order. The owner will be responsible for any needed janitorial services and utilities at its own expense.
- B. <u>Insurance and Indemnification</u> The Board shall be responsible to owner for any property damage resulting from the Board's use of the property either through self-insurance or insurance required of its vendors providing services on the site. It is understood that Owner shall maintain in effect property casualty and general liability insurance covering the property in amounts satisfactory to the Board at all times during the Board's use of the facilities.

The Board as an agency of Columbus/ Muscogee County does not waive any sovereign, governmental, municipal, or any other immunity provided by federal or Georgia law available to the Board or the Columbus, Georgia Consolidated Government. Subject to any immunity defense available to the Board, expressly agrees to bear its own costs and liabilities with respect to the injuries caused solely by the gross negligence or intentional acts of its own employees.

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- C. Facility Fees Facilities cost of \$1.00 or more will be waived by both parties for the common interest of the citizens of Columbus. Costs for on-site security during the Board's use of the responsibility of the Board.
- D. <u>Term of Agreement</u> The following are dates and a description of the /facilities to which the terms of the MOU apply. This list dates may be modified by written agreement of both parties during the term of this MOU, but in no event shall this MOU extend beyond December 31,2026 unless renewed in writing.

Agreed to as of this day of, 2025	
Signature Lines for OWNER,	
Muscogee County Board of Elections:	
Nancy Boren, Director, Elections and Registrat	ion





Columbus. Georgia, Board of Tax Assessors

GEORGIA'S FIRST CONSOLIDATED GOVERNMENT

City Services Center 3111 Citizens Way Columbus, GA 31906

Mailing Address: PO Box 1340 Columbus, GA 31902 Telephone (706) 653-4398, 4402 Fax (706) 225-3800

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Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse

MINUTES #16-25

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks calls the Columbus, Georgia Board of Assessors' meeting to order on Monday, April 28th, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks Assessor Kathy Jones Assessor Doug Jefcoat Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse Recording Secretary Katrina Culpepper

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Assessor Jones motions to accept the agenda with noted change. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Assessor Jefcoat motions to accept the minutes as presented. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:05. Administrative Appraiser Mary Hale presents to the Board:

Homesteads - # 078 005 012; 127 008 017; 095 029 015; 180 014 008; 083 026 013; 180 021 010 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:12, Administrative Property Manager Leilani Floyd presents to the Board:

• Mobile Home Corrections - #m2530776; m2530662 - Signed & Approved.

At 9:18, Chief Appraiser Suzanne Widenhouse presents for Deputy Chief Appraiser to the Board:

Non-Disclosure Requests - Signed & Approved.

At 9:20, Personal Property Manager Stacy Pollard presents to the Board:

Personal Property Audit - Signed & Approved.

At 9:30, Chief Appraiser Widenhouse presents for Residential Property to the Board:

Value Changes - Assessor Jones motions to table for revision with addresses included. Assessor Jefcoat seconds and the motion carries.

At 9:43, Commercial Property Manager Jeff Milam presents to the Board:

• Value Changes - Assessor Jefcoat motions to table. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries.

Assessor Jefcoat motions to adjourn the meeting. Assessor Jones seconds and the motion carries. At 9:54, Vice Chairman Lanitra Sandifer Hicks adjourns the meeting without any objections.

Suzanne Widenhouse Chief Appraiser/Secretary

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Serving our Community Protecting the Environment

March 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners of Columbus, Georgia, was held on Monday, March 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. at our main office Chattahoochee Room. Chairman Nick Smith took the roll call, and the following Commissioners were present:

Nick Smith, Chair Jennifer Upshaw, Vice Chair Wes Kelley Oz Roberts Mayor Skip Henderson

Receipt of the Minutes from the regular meeting on February 10, 2025, was presented to the Board. A motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to approve the Minutes as written. Motion carried.

Secretary Burchfield presented the Financial Report for the month of February 2025, including Ft. Moore to the Board. A motion was made by Oz Roberts and seconded by Wes Kelley to approve the Financial Report. Motion carried.

John Peebles gave a brief update to the Board on the Combined Sewer System Permit as outlined below:

- > On Wednesday, February 19th, Jeremy, Vic and I met with EPD leadership:
 - Jeff Cown, Director
 - · Ania Truszynski, Watershed Protection Branch Chief
 - · Whitney Fenwick, Wastewater Regulatory Program

- > The meeting went very well and EPD agreed to:
 - Expedite 2025 Permit Renewal April instead of July
 - Recognize the need to sunset overwhelming sampling requirements
 – focus
 on data already provided and what more would be needed to satisfy EPD
 (no reasonable potential analysis)
 - No End-of-Pipe Bacteria (E. coli) Limit

The Board acknowledged Mr. Peebles' report.

Next, John Peebles gave an update to the Board on the SCWRF Primary Basin

Emergency Repair work as outlined below:

- > Successive failures occurred with the solids collection systems in three of six primary sedimentation basins
- > Mechanical Crews worked 7 days/week to restore operation in one of the basins
- Unfortunately, these primary failures led to Total Suspended Solids (TSS) violations in the effluent discharges on three days.
- After five weeks of continued work, on March 3rd, the operation was restored in one of the basins.
- With two basins still down, and our in-house crews exhausted, we found a qualified contractor to work on a second basin.
- > CWW will supply the parts, already on hand, and the contractor has agreed to install and restore operation in the next basin within four weeks for \$149,500.

The Board acknowledged Mr. Peebles' report.

Victoria Barrett gave a brief presentation on the Customer Service – Future Vision

to the Board as outlined below:

Enhancing Customer Experience and Operational Excellence

Overview:

A forward-looking strategy to transform customer service through technology, process improvements, and team expansion.

Objective:

To create a seamless, efficient, and customer-centric service model

Data-Driven Decision Making:

Using analytics to identify service needs and improve operations. Was recently used to evaluate staff utilization plan.

Short Term Technology Advancements

- Apply CIS Spot Builds (Minor Improvements to address eight current issues) (Approx 5 months)
- Create Al ChatBot for Customer Service Representatives to Utilize (Approx 5 months)
- Review Stop/Start/Transfer Request Process

Long Term Technology Advancements

- Upgrade CIS to Latest Version (v5)
- Implement improved IVR Functionality
- Create Customer Facing ChatBot for Customer Self-Service. Providing 24/7 customer support for common inquiries.

Immediate Goals

- Shorten response time threshold from 48 hours to 24 hours
- Fill all Vacancies
- Complete a Start/Stop/Continue Exercise with CS and Executive Leadership
- Implement Specialized roles:
 - Key Account Representatives: Utilize phone system to route calls to identified representatives.
 - Operational Expert: Responsible for ensuring staff are skilled in technologies, processes and customer service best practices while also being proactive on process improvement.
- Create and Execute a Customer Survey

Long Term Goals

- JD Power Customer Service Award
- Zero Voice Link Emails during Business Hours
- Move to New Customer Service Building

The proposed vision will elevate customer service, enhance operational processes, and leverage technology to meet future demands.

"You've got to start with the customer experience and work back toward the technology, not the other way around" - Steve Jobs

"The key is to set realistic customer expectations, and then not to just meet them, but to exceed them – preferable in unexpected and helpful ways." – Richard Branson, Founder of Virgin Group.

The Board acknowledged Ms. Barrett's report.

The following Departmental Reports for the month of February 2025 were provided to the Board as information only:

- Customer Service Report
- Meter Maintenance/Water Accountability Reports
- Engineering Report
- > Field Services Reports
- ➤ Information Services/Environmental Services Reports
- Communications Report
- > Employee Services Report
- > Water Resource Operations/Managed Maintenance Reports

Chairman Smith had a question regarding our hiring process from our Employee Services' Report. Ms. Ruff explained the steps taken by CWW and she noted that we strive to hire the best qualified people for all departments.

President Cummings provided the following items of information to the Board:

President Cummings received a Thank You note from Neal Richardson, Safehouse Ministries thanking one of our teams for going out to solve his plumbing issue. He stated they worked hard, shared smiles and had a positive attitude. Hats off to Daniel Cooper and his team.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Jennifer Upshaw and seconded by Oz Roberts to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Vic Burchfield, Secretary

BZA April 2025 April 2nd, 2025

<u>Call TO ORDER:</u> Shaun Roberts calls the Board of Zoning Appeals to order on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2025, at 2:00 P.M.

PRESENT ARE:

Shaun Roberts

Philip Smith

Kathleen Mullins

Angela Strange

Alissa Neal

CITY PERSONEL:

<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Kathleen</u> Mullins motions to approve minutes. Angela Strange seconds. All vote to approve and the motion carries

BZA-02-25-000185

5901 Warm Springs Rd.

· Variance request was tabled on applicant's request.

BZA-02-25-000302

620 1st Ave

 Javier Moctezuma present for 620 1st Ave. Moctezuma is looking to overturn a BHAR decision regarding use of L.P. smart siding for a historic home.

Teymur Etemadi is present in opposition and to uphold BHAR's decision. Kathleen Mullins speaks on two emails that were sent to the board in support of overturning the ruling. A short video on L.P. Smart siding is played for the board. Mullins motions to approve overturning BHAR's decision based on the extent the owner has gone to make the new siding match. Alissa Neal seconds. Mullins and Neal vote yes. Roberts and Strange vote nay. Motion does not carry. Due to a tie, it is denied.

BZA-02-25-000348

2122-1 Smith Rd.

Andy Alexander present as homeowner for a building that was partially constructed between home and road. Alexander gives background on address confusion with the previous building permit issued for the structure. Cody Gillis present as attorney for Chris and Angela Stephens at 2124 Smith Rd. Gillis is present to oppose the variance request for the structure. Chris Stephens states his opposition as well. Andy Alexander gives the board a letter of signatures of adjacent neighbors that are okay with the variance request. Bubba Alexander of 1916 Smith Rd. is present in support of the variance. No motion is made by board members.

BZA-03-25-000420

4518 Reese Rd.

William and Christian Portillo present as owners and Jason Mclean present as
engineer of Moon Meeks & Associates. Requesting to reduce the number of
parking spaces from 8 to 3, and to reduce the buffer from 10' to 1'. The board
deliberates on the parking situation and the previous tenant being existing nonconforming. The board tables the variance request to the last variance on the
agenda for the day.

BZA-03-25-000450

425 3rd Ave.

 Austin Gibson, lawyer, Present for LRC Mansion West LLC. Requesting to reduce front setback. The board asks for clarity on what they are reducing the setback to. Gibson states reduced from 25' to 15'. Neal must leave before the meeting is over. A quorum is still present. Strange motions to approve. Mullins seconds. All vote to approve. Motion carries.

BZA-03-25-000420

4518 Reese Rd.

Item #4.

BZA April 2025 April 2nd, 2025

• William and Christian Portillo return along with Mclean. Applicant requests to table it regarding existing non-conforming issues with previous tenants.

Roberts adjourns meeting at 3:04 P.M.

BOARD MINUTES

OF THE

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

March 25, 2025

A regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of the Hospital Authority of Columbus, Georgia (HAC) was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 25, 2025. The meeting was held in the conference room at Orchard View on Whitesville Road in Columbus, Georgia. A notice was emailed to each member of the Board more than 48 hours prior to the meeting. A copy of the notice was posted more than 24 hours before the meeting on the door of the building in which the meeting was held.

Present at the meeting were Chairman Chuck Hecht, Vice Chairwoman Sarah Banks-Lang, and members Dr. John Kingsbury, Warner Kennon, Jr., Wayne Joiner, Bob Jones, and Tony Floyd.

Britt Hayes, CEO, Rick Alibozek, CFO, and Jack P. Schley, Secretary/Attorney, were present at the meeting. Ernie Smallman, Mike Welch, Jennifer Kelley, and Jane Ballesteros were in attendance as guests.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

The meeting was called to order and Britt opened the meeting with a prayer.

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

It was determined that a quorum was present.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Minutes for the February 25, 2025, Board meeting were reviewed. Wayne moved for their approval and Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion. The February 2025 Board Minutes were unanimously approved.

BOARD BUSINESS

Jack reminded the Board that two Board seats are open for nominations. Chuck called for nominations and Dr. Kingsbury indicated that Dr. Sharen Kelly expressed an interest in serving on the Board. Jack indicated he would call Dr. Kelly.

CFO'S REPORT

Rick presented the Statistical and Financial Reports:

Statistical Report: Attached to these Minutes is the FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report. Rick reported that the monthly census in February 2025 was 264 (up from 261 in January) but new admissions were down to 37 from 39.

Financial Report: Attached to these Minutes is the Hospital Authority of Columbus Consolidated Income Statement and Summary Report through February 28, 2025. Rick valued HAC's cash position, including short-term investments, at about \$25.5 million. According to Rick, adjustments to Orchard View's pension plans created income of \$68,000, but review of a prior Workers Comp. premium resulted in an additional payment of \$60,000. HAC's hearing on the Employee Retention Credit appeal took place on March 6, but no settlement was reached. Rick indicated the IRS appeals officer indicated an offer would be made following the hearing. Rick reported that 74 employees are deferring under the 403(b) plan (up from 61). About 400 employees are eligible, but not participating. Rick summarized a recent update from the American Health Care Association, which is the industry's primary lobbyist: the industry is short 60,000 workers compared to pre-pandemic figures; concerns about cuts to Medicaid are being addressed (75% of HAC's revenue is from Medicaid); and, efforts are being made to re-direct regulations to focus on quality care rather than emphasizing penalties for non-conformance. Rick commented on the General Assembly passing tort reform.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Britt Hayes gave the President's report:

Ridgecrest Management Team: Britt introduced Jennifer Kelley and Jane Ballesteros to the Board. Jennifer is the Administrator at Ridgecrest, and she has worked for HAC for 22 years. Jane is the Director of Nursing at Ridgecrest, and has held that position since 2017. Britt commented on Jennifer and Jane's exceptional abilities in handling families of residents and dedication to improving quality care. According to Britt, both Jennifer and Jane remained at Ridgecrest during the snow days without returning home to ensure the residents were cared for during that time. Chuck asked Jennifer how the Board can help to increase census. Jennifer responded by asking for continued support of Britt and commented how HAC has improved during Britt's leadership. Jennifer also emphasized the exceptional reputations of each of HAC's facilities, and asked the Board to advocate for HAC in the community. Britt discussed that the Creekside wing at Ridgecrest was recently opened and efforts are underway to fill the rooms. Dr. Kingsbury asked Jennifer about the use of customer surveys, and Bob commented on the importance of followingup with families after residents return home. Jennifer explained that she shares her phone number with all family members and continuously requests feedback even after residents return home, and stated her slogan to families is: "We can't fix it if we don't know about it." Britt commented on his knowledge of how active Jennifer is on her phone staying in contact with families to keep them updated about their resident's condition and care. Dr. Kingbury and Jane discussed disease and infections procedures at Ridgecrest. The Board thanked Jennifer and Jane for presenting at the meeting and for their services to HAC.

Former Board Members Recognition: Britt presented plaques to Ernie Smallman and Mike Welch to recognize their years of service to the HAC Board. The Board expressed its gratitude to Ernie and Mike.

Strategic Plan Consultants: Britt presented proposals by two strategic plan consultants: Greg Nielsen and Jeff Call. Chuck announced that the Board would discuss the proposals at the next meeting and asked that each proposal be carefully reviewed in preparation for that discussion. The Board briefly discussed the strategic plan, and Sarah asked that the agenda at the next meeting be limited to allow sufficient time to be dedicated to discussing the proposals. Chuck indicated that Ernie had been contacted about listing the Brookstone property as part of the strategic plan, and Britt disclosed that Ernie's contract calls for listing the property at \$950,000 with a 7% commission. Chuck asked for a motion on the contract, and Sarah moved to approve the listing contract with Ernie. Dr. Kingsbury seconded the motion, and asked that future property sales be presented with two competing bids from listing agents. Ernie's contract was unanimously approved by the Board.

Verkada Security Systems: Britt announced that he negotiated a contract for a new security system, and committed to a contract at a cost of \$28,500.

New Initiatives: Britt announced the Senior Expo at the Trade Center on March 15 did not draw a large crowd. According to Britt, \$500,000 has been cut from the budget by restructuring department positions following a series of retirements/resignations. HAC has partnered with Columbus Tech to sponsor nursing clinicals at each facility. HAC's human resources director, Beverly Simmers, will participate in the Columbus Tech Practical Nursing Advisory Committee.

COVID-19 Update: Britt reported that HAC has 19 new cases of Covid across all facilities with 12 at Orchard View, 7 at Ridgecrest, and none at Muscogee Manor.

Accolades: Britt announced that HAC received a recognition from Synergy for no lost time due to injuries for the 2024 policy year.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at Orchard View.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

CHARLES K. HECHT, III

Chairman

Secretary/Attorney

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS FY 2025 YTD Statistical Report

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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS CONSOLIDATED SUMMARY REPORT MONTH ENDED FEBRUARY 28, 2025

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	32,204,142		32,276,295	7,538,565	72,019,002	147,501	83,642		72,250,145
Total Assets	\$ 57,451,828	\$	\$ 39,700,043	\$ 9,701,154	\$ 106,853,025	\$ (6,193,478)	\$ (1,838,642)	\$ 2,784,953	\$ 101,605,858
Current Liabilities Non-current Liabilities (excluding bonds) Bonds Payable	\$ 1,102,071 10,045,166 19,282,688	₩.	\$ 479,906 3,445,775 28,197,200	\$ 887,650	\$ 2,469,627 19,026,711 47,479,888	\$ 360,100	\$ 450,668	•	\$ 2,469,634 19,837,479 47,479,888
Total Liabilities	30,429,925		32,122,881	6,423,420	68,976,226	360,107	450,668	1	69,787,001
Fund Balance	27,021,903		7,577,162	3,277,734	37,876,799	(6,553,585)	(2,289,310)	2,784,953	31,818,857
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 57,451,828	\$	\$ 39,700,043	\$ 9,701,154	\$ 106,853,025	\$ (6,193,478)	\$ (1,838,642)	\$ 2,784,953	\$ 101,605,858
INCOME STATEMENT									
Revenue Operating Expenses	\$ 1,523,210 1,348,142	\$ 110,166 151,469	\$ 429,528 415,669	\$ 1,040,501	\$ 3,103,405 2,952,661	\$ 2,000	\$ 10,963	\$ 7,271	\$ 3,123,639 2,956,646
Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	175,068	(41,303)	13,859	3,120	150,744	953	8,465	6,831	166,993
Provision for Bad debts Interest expense Depreciation and Amortization	(32,905) (83,282)		- (77,868) (95,374)	- - (10 907)	(110,773)	- 1040	1 1		(110,773)
Current Month Income (loss)	\$ 58,881	\$ (41,303)	\$ (159,383)	\$ (7,785)	(149,590)	\$ 594	\$ 8,465	\$ 6,831	(189,920)
YTD Income (loss)	\$ 813,588	\$ (545,100)	\$ (722,578)	\$ 668,216	\$ 214,126	\$ 7,610	\$ 79,613	\$ 281,723	\$ 583,072
Monthly Net Income (loss) Add: Depreciation Add: Interest Expense Less: Monthly bond payment	\$ 58,881 83,282 32,905	\$ (41,303)	\$ (159,383) 95,374 77,868	\$ (7,785) 10,905	\$ (149,590) 189,561 110,773	\$ 594	\$ 8,465	\$ 6,831	\$ (133,700) 189,920 110,773
Less: Property & Equipment Additions	(33,781)		(60,343)	1	(243,713)	, 1	1 1	1 1	(243,713)
Net Cash Flow	\$ (42,083)	\$ (41,303)	\$ (46,484)	\$ 3,120	\$ (126,750)	\$ 953	\$ 8,465	\$ 6,831	\$ (110,501)

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COLUMBUS YTD CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025

					
Consolidated	28,252,964	2,986,031	2,585 (936,561) (1,468,983)	583,072	,
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River Mill	287,060 5,337	281,723		281,723	,
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Muscogee Home Health	89,337 9,724	79,613	1 1 1	79,613	,
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Cobis PCH	16,000 5,518	10,482	(2,872)	7,610	•
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Total Nursing Home	27,860,567 25,246,354	2,614,213	2,585 (936,561) (1,466,111)	214,126	,
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Muscogee Manor	9,665,298 8,909,842	755,456	(87,240)	668,216	
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Ridgecrest	4,040,219	663,358	(622,944) (762,992)	(722,578)	
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Home Office	881,328 1,426,428	(545,100)	F 4 1	(545,100)	
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Orchard View	\$ 13,273,722 11,533,223	1,740,499	2,585 (313,617) (615,879)	\$ 813,588	
	₩.			\$	
INCOME STATEMENT	Revenue Operating Expenses	Net Profit (Loss) before Noncash expense	Provision for Bad debts Interest expense Depreciation and Amortization	YTD Income (loss)	



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NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room Columbus, GA 31906

Date of Meeting:

February 10, 2025

Members Present:

Damon Hoyte, Nancy Schroeder, Terry Edwards,

Karen Johnson Bussey, LaVerne Chaffin, Arcola Scott,

and Sandra Gill

Members Excused:

David Ranieri, Edwina Turner, Ed Harbison, April Hughes,

and Linda McElroy

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Susan Gallagher, Denise Wade McLeod, Danny Davenport, Chloe Landreth, and Molly Jones

<u>CALL TO ORDER</u>: Board Chair Damon Hoyte called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.. A quorum was established at that time.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Cyde McQuien, Image by Design, Rhonda Collins, Baker & Associates, and Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Coordinator.

* SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of December 9, 2024 minutes): M/S/P Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott to approve the minutes of December 9, 2024, Board approved.

*ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2025: As announced in the December Board meeting, it is time to elect officers for 2025. Our current slate of officers are: Damon Hoyte, Chair, Nancy Schroeder, Vice Chair, and Sandra Gill, Secretary. M/S/P LaVerne Chaffin/Arcola Scott to re-elect Damon Hoyte as Board Chair, M/S/P Nancy Schroeder/Damon Hoyte to elect Terry Edwards as Vice Chair, and M/S/P LaVerne Chaffin/Terry Edwards to re-elect Sandra Gill as Secretary, Board Approved.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Susan presented the FY25 six month Financial Report Card indicating that as of December 31, 2024, we had 177.47 days Cash on Hand and a cash balance of \$10,961787 (compared to 148.10 days and \$9,797,864 as of June 30, 2024). She reported we are maintaining tight control of expenses, IDD and BH rates have increased (with a July 1, 2024 retro active date), and internal billing and collection rates continue to improve.

Total revenues for the month of December were \$629,481 over budgeted amounts and revenues in January will reflect a slight increase from previous months, but nothing like December due to the retro payments. December ended with a surplus of \$736,037 for the month and a year to date surplus of \$1,693,721. This surplus is needed to serve as a cushion with the anticipated Go-Live date of July 1, 2025 for the bundled CCBHC payment rate. We are planning for delays in approvals, payments and other unforeseen issues as we transition to this new payor model – new for us, DBHDD, and DCH. Supplemental funding from DBHDD will continue to provide \$200,000 per month through June 30, 2025. However, there is no guarantee this funding will continue at the same level if there are delays in the bundled CCBHC payment rate.

As transportation is a major expense in our budget, Susan reminded Board Members that we have an aging fleet of vehicles and are currently doing an analysis to determine if we have the right size and number of vehicles, the age of each, maintenance costs due to age, etc. As some CSBs receive funding for Transportation, New Horizons has and will continue to request funds from DBHDD.

When asked if any recent government program changes have had an impact on our funding, Susan reported there have been none other than the CACFP (Food Program). Grants continue to be available and Susan is currently working on a grant application for our rural areas.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT REVIEW: Rhonda Collins, CPA, with Baker & Associates of Albany, Georgia attended today's meeting to discuss New Horizons' annual external audit and answer any questions. The audit report was emailed to Board members prior to today's meeting. The final audit report indicated we received an unmodified opinion, meaning the auditor concludes that the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Ms. Collins reported that the annual audit process went very smoothly and praised staff for their cooperation in providing all information/documents requested. She explained that our audit is driven by Federal and State funding we receive and revenue must match expenses, the agency must follow policies, procedures, and rules/controls we have in place, and grant compliance is required. Ms. Collins' report indicated another successful audit and Board Members thanked her and New Horizons' leadership for the amazing job in completing the audit.

*NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BYLAWS: The Bylaws were sent out prior to the meeting for Board review. No revisions or additions were recommended. M/S/P Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott to approve the Bylaws, Board approved.

<u>TELLY AWARD:</u> Cyde McQuein, Image by Design, proudly announced that the most recent commercial, The Choice, produced by his company for New Horizons won a Telly Award. The award, based on creative recognition and levels of standard, is one of several we have won over the past few years, all produced by IBD. As Cyde shared, the work of New Horizons is meaningful and has a significant impact on our communities.

Andrea emphasized the commercial will resonate with people and, while we may never know the full impact, it sends a critically important message to enhance our Zero Suicide Mission.

BOARD MEMBER 101: Andrea reported Board Member training is done periodically to educate new members and remind all members of New Horizons mission and vision, educate on regulatory agencies the agency must comply with, and discuss fiduciary responsibilities we must maintain for financial stability. She reminded Board Members that they are Ambassadors for New Horizons to the community/county they represent and encouraged all to share our message with those in their communities including their church, and clubs/organizations they are affiliated with and bring back issues, concerns/problems, and needs of their communities. A Board Member toolkit containing Narcan, NHBH Fact Sheet, brochures, CEO business card with contact information, and a Board Member roster was presented to each Board Member. Additional Board Member training will be presented in future meetings.

Board Members expressed appreciation to New Horizons Leadership and Staff for their enjoyable experience in serving on the Board, all they are learning about New Horizons in the process, and their desire to get the word out in their communities about the agency and services we offer.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chloe reported on events attended since our last Board meeting including Christmas events in Harris and Stewart counties and the Clay County Career Fair. She shared pictures from the Recovery on the Rise Luncheon held in December featuring inspirational recovery speakers from New Horizons' programs. Several city officials participated in a tour and presentation at the Columbus Service Center. Plans to enhance this location and make it ADA compliant are being discussed with the City and community leaders. Our Mobile Unit has been out in the community recently at three events with 13 people receiving HIV testing. A recent article in the Valley Parent Magazine highlighted the I/DD Family Support program. Upcoming events are the Morehouse School of Medicine Symposium, Carver High School event, Marquis Hill visits to our Apex schools, Mobile Unit Advertising & Tour, Recovery event planning, and sponsorships for several luncheon and awareness events. Facebook, Instagram, Constant Contact, and Website data was shared with increases reflected in our social media presence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: No announcements were presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Valona Baldwin, Region 6 Coordinator, shared the following:

- Save the Date for the Behavioral Health and the Law Conference on Nov. 17-19th 2025.
 The location is Jekyll Island, GA.
- Co-Responder Teams Professional Development Conference Peachtree City, GA on Feb. 27-28th. Target Audience is for Active Co-Responder Teams. Must register and pending approval, until confirmed.
- SUN Learning Journey Applications are being accepted. Please view email sent to NHBH from Ms. Valona Baldwin containing details on this opportunity on Re-Imagining Waiver Supports. Applications are due 2/14/2025, but extensions on the deadline can be considered.
- CheckPT is LIVE! NHBH should have their CheckPT Administrator register their Agency in CheckPT using their individual business email account. Important Note: Email addresses can only be used one time in CheckPT.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 4:30, M/S/P Terry Edwards/Arcola Scott to go into Executive Session to discuss Executive Evaluation/Retirement Benefits, Board approved. At 4:40 p.m. M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards to end the Executive Session, Board approved.

Mr. Hoyte requested an amendment to the Agenda to add the Compensation Agreement for Ms. Winston. With that addition, M/S/P Arcola Scott/Terry Edwards to approve the Compensation Agreement, Board approved.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: At 4:55 p.m. M/S/P Nancy Schroeder/Arcola Scott to adjourn the meeting, Board approved.

Damon Hoyte Chairperson



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NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2100 Comer Avenue – New Horizons Training Room Columbus, GA 31906

Date of Meeting:

March 10, 2025

Members Present:

Terry Edwards, Nancy Schroeder,

Karen J. Bussey, LaVerne Chaffin, and Arcola Scott

Members Excused:

Damon Hoyte, David Ranieri, Edwina Turner, Ed Harbison,

April Hughes, Linda McElroy, and Sandra Gill

Staff Present: Andrea Winston, Susan Gallagher, Denise Wade McLeod, Danny Davenport, Chloe Landreth, Kenyetta Plummer, Karen Cotton-Everett, Edward Minor, and Molly Jones

CALL TO ORDER: Board Chair Damon Hoyte was unable to attend the meeting. Vice Chair Terry Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.. A quorum was not established during the meeting.

RECOGNITION OF GUEST(S) ATTENDING TODAY'S MEETING: Valona Baldwin, DBHDD Regional Coordinator.

* SECRETARY'S MINUTES (Approval of February 10, 2025 minutes): No vote was taken, as a quorum was not established during the meeting.

FINANCIAL REVIEW: Susan reported that January saw 2.5 revenue generating days lost due to inclement weather, however, the month ended with actual revenue slightly over projections. Medicaid Waiver and GIA-FFS Revenue continued their upward trend while Medicaid Fees were more significantly impacted by the inclement weather. We should be at 58% of budget for the month of January. Private insurance, DD work activity, and other fees were significantly higher than budgeted amounts. January ended with a modest surplus of \$110,426 for the month and a YTD surplus of \$1,802,825. This surplus is needed to serve as a cushion with the anticipated Go Live date of July 1, 2025 for the bundled CCBHC payment rate. We are 3% below total budgeted expenses YTD. Leadership is keeping overall expenses under control. Maintenance and repairs are significantly over budget due to the fire in April 2024 at Veterans ITR.

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Repairs due to the fire will be offset by the insurance reimbursement received in February, but other repairs and updates to the home are needed.

Days Cash on Hand as of January 31, 2025 is at 185.3 with average daily expenses of \$60,414.

Susan indicated a change to the presentation of the Monthly Balance Sheet will include a category titled "Restricted Donations" reflecting investments of a bequest of \$20,000 from Velma Klayder in 2003, plus earnings from that bequest, and proceeds from sponsorships for the Annual Event held each September during Recovery Month.

*RESOLUTION FOR GEORGIA OPIOID ABATEMENT TRUST: In 2021.a nationwide settlement was reached to resolve all opioids litigation brought by states and local political subdivisions against the three largest pharmaceutical distributors, McKesson, Cardinal Health, AmerisourceBergen and against manufacturer Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc. and its parent company Johnson & Johnson. These National Settlements have been finalized, and payments have already begun. In all, nationally, the distributors will pay up to \$21 billion over 18 years and J & J will pay up to an additional \$5 billion over no more than nine years. Georgia and its local governments stand to receive approximately \$638 million under the settlement agreement. An email for Board approval of the resolution to receive payments will be sent to Board Members after the meeting.

CCBHC UPDATE: Susan reported that the Go Live date of July 1, 2025 continues to be the goal for CCBHC, but no PPS rate has been confirmed. The bridge funding from DBHDD continues through June and our Days Cash on Hand of 185 days will help us weather delays and other issues we anticipate once CCBHC begins.

BOARD MEMBER 101: The 2024 Annual Report, compiled by Chloe, was presented to Board Members and reviewed to further explain the role of Board Members, services offered, the break down of individuals served by county, service, gender, and race, ancillary and partnership services, annual revenue, special events, and highlights of individuals and staff. Changes in the Board makeup over the past few years, to now include three elected officials, were also discussed. Reducing stigma, the mobile unit, express clinic, and the Community Mental Health Needs Assessment are also featured in the report.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHT: SUICIDE REDUCTION INITIATIVE: With the goal of reducing suicides to zero, a task force was formed to study the last five suicides, any commonalities, our policies/procedures related to suicide, and what our next steps should be. Dr. Minor reviewed the history of the last five individuals who died by suicide (over a three year Kenyetta Plummer reviewed DBHDD policies/procedures and commonalities of deficiencies in the Safety Plans, Treatment Plans, and the Columbia Suicide Rating Scale. She outlined DBHDD Policy 01-0118 that includes suicide prevention screening, monitoring the individual, Safety Plan development and implementation, and addressing suicide in the Treatment Plan. Karen Cotton-Everett reported that next steps will include implementation of a new, more streamlined DBHDD Suicide Prevention Policy along with guidance on how it will be implemented, increasing engagement and outreach efforts at all levels, continued work towards reducing risk factors and increasing protective factors, and enhanced, regular training on assessment tools, EMR alerts, and processes. Other recommendations are evidence-based treatment approaches and increased therapy and skill building along with Clinical Corner and supervision sessions to discuss specific cases and share information to create a culture of consulting.

Andrea thanked task force members, adding that we want to establish a culture of greater awareness of suicidal ideation, know what to look for, and that suicide is treated like other emergencies. Karen added we have recently added two additional QPR (Question, Persuade, Refer) trainers and the training can be provided to groups throughout our communities/counties. Farmers and Veterans have had an increase in suicides over the past few years and numbers, overall, are higher since the pandemic.

DEVELOPMENT, MARKETING, AND PUBLIC RELATIONS: Chloe reported on events attended since the last Board meeting including Carver High School Resource Fair, Goodwill Career Fair, Neighborhood Health Day, and CSB Day at the Capitol. Youth Motivational Speak Marquis Hill gave presentations at the Apex schools in Randolph and Harris Counties and in Talbot County. The Mobile Unit continues to travel to our county offices and 3 partners have A group of I/DD individuals attended the Night to Shine event at submitted event requests. Upcoming events are the Morehouse School of Medicine Symposium, Cascade Hills. Fatherhood Men's Resource Fair, Chattahoochee County Community Day, and the Health and Wellness Expo. The 2024 Sponsorship History showed a number of partnerships/events that New Horizons participated in and provided tickets for individuals/staff through funding provided by Kaiser Permanente. Facebook, Instagram, Constant Contact, and Website data was shared, Also in the works are three new with increases indicated in our social media presence. billboards placed around Columbus, new public service announcement planning, Recovery on the River and Recovery Bus Tour beginning stages, and I/DD proclamation presentations for March in Columbus and Cuthbert.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: As a Board Member and ambassador for New Horizons Behavioral Health, Terry Edwards reported she provides brochures and other information about New Horizons services at Family Connection and other community events.

New Horizons' next Board Meeting is Monday, May 12th, there is no meeting in April.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Valona Baldwin, Region 6 Coordinator, shared the following:

- New Crisis Safety Platform will launch March 25th for CSU's.
- Carelon is now more efficient and transparent.
- Statewide I/DD meeting will be held Wednesday, March 12th in Macon.

ADJOURNMENT: At 4:36 p.m. M/S/P Nancy Schroeder/Arcola Scott to adjourn the meeting, Board approved.

Damon Hoyte Chairperson

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Columbus Consolidated Government Board Appointments – Action Requested

5. MAYOR'S APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

<u>Steven D. Hord</u> – <u>Interested in serving another term</u>

Open for Nominations (Mayor's Appointment)

Open for Nominations

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Mayor's Appointment)

Eligible to serve another term (Public Safety Employee)

Term Expires: May 31, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a **Senatorial District 29:** n/a

Vacancies: 0

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

<u>Mike Baker</u> – <u>Interested in serving another term</u>

Eligible to serve another term

(Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.)

Term expires: June 30, 2025

<u>John Redmond</u> – *Interested in serving another term*

Eligible to serve another term

(Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.)

Term expires: June 30, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: n/a **Senatorial District 29:** n/a

Vacancies: 0

C. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member Open for Nominations (Certified Public Accountant) (Mayor's Appointment)

New Member Open for Nominations (Corporate/Employment Attorney) (Mayor's Appointment)

New MemberOpen for Nominations(Law Enforcement Representative)(Mayor's Appointment)

Ex Officio/Non-Voting Member

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 1 **Senatorial District 29:** 3

Vacancies: 11

D. <u>COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL:</u>

Vacant Open for Nominations (Mayor's Appointment)

Term Expired: March 27, 2025

The terms for the Mayor's Appointments are three years and Council's Appointments are two years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4

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Senatorial District 15: 9 **Senatorial District 29:** 2

Vacancies: 3

E. PENSION FUND, EMPLOYEES' BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

W. Fray McCormick

Eligible to serve another term

Open for Nominations

(Mayor's Appointment)

(Business Community) Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Roderick GrahamEligible to serve another term
Open for Nominations
(Mayor's Appointment)

	(Public Safety) Term Expires: June 30, 2025	
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		Open for Nominations (Mayor's Appointment)
	(Business Community)	(Mayor S Appointment)
	Term Expires: June 30, 2026	
	The terms are four years. Meets monthly.	
	Women: 4	
	Senatorial District 15: 9	
	Senatorial District 29: 2	
	Vacancies: 1	
	F. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITT	EE:
	Christi H. Johnson	Open for Nominations
	Eligible to serve another term	(Mayor's Appointment)
	(Chairperson)	
	Term Expires: June 30, 2025	
	The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The Meets once a month.	e terms of Council's appointees are four years
	Women: 4	
	Senatorial District 15: n/a	
	Senatorial District 29: n/a	
	Vacancies: 0	
	G. YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:	
	Mayan'a Naminaa	
	Mayor's Nominee:	
6.		NOMINATIONS MAY BE CONFIRMED
	FOR THIS MEETING:	
	A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:	
	Drale Short	Open for Nominations

(City Manager's Appointment)

Eligible to serve another term

(General Government Employee)

Term Expires: May 31, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a **Senatorial District 29:** n/a

Vacancies: 0

7. <u>COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – READY FOR CONFIRMATION:</u>

- **A.** <u>COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:</u> Jeff Croop was nominated to serve as the Promotional Entity for Professional Hockey Representative. (*Councilor Cogle's nominee*) Term Expires: N/A (Continues)
- **B. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Billy Blanchard was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2027
- C. <u>DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:</u> Stephen Butler was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2027
- **D. DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:** Karl Douglass was nominated to serve another term. (*Councilor Crabb's nominee*) Term expires: August 15, 2025
- **E.** <u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE:</u> Shannon Hubbard was nominated to serve another term as the General Government Employee Representative. (*Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee*) Term Expires: April 30, 2028
- **F.** EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Tommy Beauchamp was nominated to succeed Troy Vanerson as the General Government Employee Representative. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee) Term Expires: April 30, 2028
- **G.** EMPLOYEE BENEFITS COMMITTEE: Deputy Fire Chief Jules Hazen was nominated to succeed Timothy Smith as the Sworn Officer Representative. (Mayor Pro Tem Allen's nominee) Term Expires: April 30, 2027
- 3. <u>COUNCIL DISTRICT SEAT APPOINTMENTS- ANY NOMINATIONS MAY BE</u> CONFIRMED FOR THIS MEETING:

	(District 1 – Hickey)
Vacant Term Expires: March 27, 2026	
	(District 3 – Huff)
Vacant Term Expired: March 27, 2026 *Councilor Huff is nominating Dr. Xa	wier McCaskey
The terms for the Mayor's Appointment years. Meets quarterly.	nts are three years and Council's Appointments are tw
Women: 4 Senatorial District 15: 9 Senatorial District 29: 2 Vacancies: 3	
YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL:	
District 1 Nominee:	District 6 Nominee:
District 2 Nominee:	District 7 Nominee:
District 3 Nominee:	District 8 Nominee:
District 4 Nominee: District 5 Nominee:	District 9 Nominee: District 10 Nominee:
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HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF COL	UMBUS:
	Open for Nominations
Vacant Term Expired: November 14, 2024	(Council's Nomination)
	Open for Nominations (Council's Nomination)

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The authority is recommending the following nominees for Council's consideration: 1st Vacant Seat – Sharen Kelly, Linn Storey, and Tracy Sayers; 2nd Vacant Seat – Linn Storey, Sharen Kelly, and Tracy Sayers

*The Council submits three (3) nominees to the Hospital Authority for each seat and the Hospital Authority selects the successor for Council's confirmation.

The terms are three years. Board meets monthly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: 4 **Senatorial District 29:** 3

Vacancies: 2

10. <u>APPOINTMENTS – NOMINATIONS ARE CONFIRMED BY COUNCIL:</u>

A. COLUMBUS SPORTS & ENTERTAINMENT AUTHORITY:

New Member (RiverCenter Representative) RiverCenter's Nomination (Confirmed by Council)

The terms are three years, with the terms beginning July 1, 2025, and the term expiration of the first appointments being staggered pursuant to Ordinance 25-011.

11. <u>COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS – ANY NOMINATIONS WOULD BE LISTED FOR THE NEXT MEETING:</u>

A. 457 DEFERRED COMPENSATION BOARD:

<u>Rhonda T. Davis</u> – <u>Interested in serving another term</u> Eligible to serve another term Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

(Plan Expert/Volunteer)

Term Expires: May 31, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a **Senatorial District 29:** n/a

Vacancies: 0

B. AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Michael Bruder

Eligible to serve another term

(Finance/Accounting or Governmental Rep.)

Term expires: June 30, 2025

Toyia Tucker

Eligible to serve another term

(City Councilor)

Term expires: June 30, 2025

Glenn Davis

Eligible to serve another term

(City Councilor)

Term expires: June 30, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women: 1

Senatorial District 15: n/a Senatorial District 29: n/a

Vacancies: 0

C. BOARD OF FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES:

Chandler Padgett

Eligible to serve another term

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

The terms are three years. Meets quarterly.

Women:

Senatorial District 15: 3 Senatorial District 29: 2

Vacancies: 0

D. **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY:**

Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

Open for Nominations

(Council's Appointment)

Vacant

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

Ernest Smallman, IV

(Council's Appointment)

<u>Not Eligible to succeed – Currently serves on Board of Zoning Appeals</u>

Term Expired: August 15, 2023

The terms are four years. Ordinance No. 11-23 removes the limitation of two full consecutive terms for this authority.

Women: 0

Senatorial District 15: 3 **Senatorial District 29:** 3

Vacancies: 1

E. KEEP COLUMBUS BEAUTIFUL COMMISSION:

Vacant Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

(Senatorial District 15) Term Expires: June 30, 2027

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: 5 **Senatorial District 29:** 3

Vacancies: 2

F. NEW HORIZONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – MENTAL HEALTH, ADDICTIVE DISEASES AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES- COMMUNITY SERVICE BOARD:

Judge David Ranieri

Does not desire reappointment

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Open for Nominations (Council's Appointment)

The terms are three years. Meets every other month.

Women: 2

Senatorial District 15: 3

Senatorial District 29: 1

Vacancies: 0

G. RETIREES' HEALTH BENEFITS COMMITTEE:

Cheryl B. Tate Open for Nominations Eligible to serve another term (Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

Thomas Barron Open for Nominations Not Eligible (Council's Appointment)

Term Expires: June 30, 2025

The term of the Mayor's appointee is two years. The terms of Council's appointees are four years. Meets once a month.

Women: 4

Senatorial District 15: n/a Senatorial District 29: n/a

Vacancies: 0